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November 12, 1931

Memorandum to Mr. Wannamaker,

Re Plant Expenditures with American firms and individuals.

On October 31, 1931, the amount expended for the physical plant of Yen-ching University amounted to approximately \$2,712,000.00, U.S. Currency.

Of this approximately one half, or somewhere in the neighborhood of G. \$1,350,000.00, has been disbursed to Western firms and Western individuals for such supplies as structural steel, lumber, cement, building hardware, paint, plumbing fixtures, water and sewage piping, electric wiring and fixtures, power plant and pumping machinery, water tower, and the like; and for such professional services as those of the architect, the consulting engineer, and the Superintendent of Construction.

The remaining half was disbursed for such items as the purchase of land; the purchase locally of brick, lime, sand, gravel, and other building materials; and the payment of salaries of workmen and Chinese in charge of various phases of construction.

Of the half disbursed in the West, our records show that well over a million dollars has been spent with American firms for the purchase of the various supplies enumerated above. More than ninety percent of such supplies came from American sources. The remaining supplies, coming from European sources, consisted chiefly of specialized types of machinery and fixtures which could be obtained from such sources with a substantial saving of time and expense.

The architect who has been responsible for the planning of the entire Yen-ching plant is an American; our consulting engineer is an American; and the Superintendent of Construction is an American.

/s/ B. A. Garside

Assistant Treasurer

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February 3, 1932

My dear Mr. Strawn:

It has come to my attention that the American Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin, China, some time last year circulated among other Chambers of Commerce and mailed also the U.S. Chamber of Commerce certain information regarding the manner in which Yenching University and other American Universities in China have expended funds donated to these institutions by Americans. The information thus circulated among the American Chambers of Commerce was, so far as concerns Yenching University, very inaccurate. It seems to me in order that I should place before you a statement correcting this inaccurate information. If you think it well to circulate this statement among American Chambers of Commerce which may have received the former statement, I should be glad to have you do so.

Any questions you may desire to ask, I shall take pleasure in answering.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Olin D. Wannamaker

Assistant to the President

Silas H. Strawn, Esq.
President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

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James A. Walsh

February 25, 1932

see also "U. S. Chamber of
Com." file on this

Dear Mr. Walsh:

At the suggestion of Mr. Silas H. Strawn,
we send you the attached papers in order that you
may correct certain erroneous statements which may
appear in your records concerning Yenching Univer-
sity. Since these errors have caused the University
considerable embarrassment, we should be very grate-
ful for your cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. James A. Walsh
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March 3, 1932.

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
Assistant to the President,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Please let me acknowledge and thank you for
the material you have sent me regarding expenditures
in behalf of Yenching University.

In any discussion or consideration of the
question of expenditures by American universities in
China, you may depend upon it that we shall give due
attention to the information you have given us.

Very truly yours,

James H. Walsh
James H. Walsh, Manager,
Bureau of
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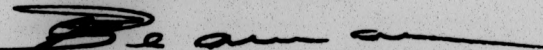
Mr. O. D. Wanamaker,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wanamaker:

We appreciate your letter of February 25 with which you enclosed certain statements from Yenching University, Peking, relative to the expenditure made of funds donated to such institution by Americans.

We received a copy of the statement issued by the American Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin and are very happy to have this additional information.

Very sincerely yours,



V. D. Seaman, Secretary,
Foreign Commerce Committee.

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Cincinnati, U. S. A.

February 29, 1932

Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

We have received your letter of
February 25, 1932, regarding the corrections
concerning the records of the Yenching University.

We are very glad to have this information
as to the inaccuracies referred to.

Very truly yours,

Malcolm M. Stewart
Malcolm M. Stewart, Manager
Foreign and Domestic Commerce Department

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Mr. Olin D. Wanamaker,
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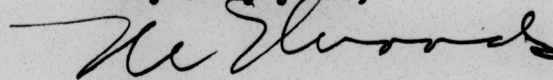
Dear Sir:

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of February 25th inclosing a copy of the communication which you sent to Mr. Silas H. Strawn regarding the disbursement of funds in connection with Yenching University.

As the bulletin from the American Chamber of Commerce of Tientsin, mentioned in your letter, was read before our foreign trade committee, we are very glad to have your statement refuting the implications in that letter. This will be read at the next meeting of our foreign trade committee.

Assuring you of our pleasure in cooperating with you, we are

Very truly yours,



Foreign Trade Secretary

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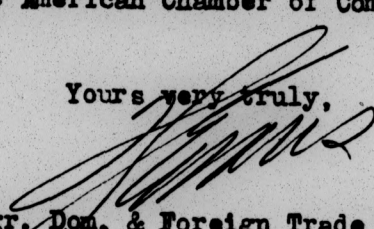
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Mr. E. D. Wannemaker,
Ass't. to President,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:—

I was very pleased to receive your letter of February 25th, since the letter we received from the Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin, China was quite to the contrary and I would suggest that this correction be made by the American Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin.

Yours very truly,


Mgr. Dom. & Foreign Trade Depts.

T. L. Evans -
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**THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OF KANSAS CITY**

Kansas City, Missouri

HEART OF AMERICA

March 1, 1932

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
Assistant to the President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

We have your letter of February 26th, and papers accompanying same, in regard to plant expenditures with American firms and individuals.

We have had some correspondence regarding this matter, but have not given it publicity as there seems to be no Kansas City firms directly interested, and therefore no statements having been made, there are none to withdraw.

Yours very truly,


J. E. Burke
Trade Commissioner

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March 7th, 1932

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
Assistant to the President,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of February 25
correcting certain erroneous statements which you say eman-
ated from the American Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin.

I do not recall ever having seen anything from the American
Chamber at Tientsin on this subject but we are glad to have
the information which you give us in our files.

Yours very truly,

LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

Clarence H. Matson, Manager,
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN COMMERCE AND SHIPPING.

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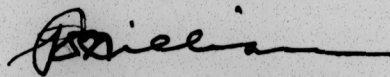
February 29, 1932

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
Assistant to the President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

My dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 25, giving us
information concerning Yenching University.

Yours very truly,



Executive Secretary

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**OAKLAND
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

March 2, 1932

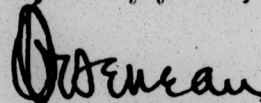
Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
Assistant to the President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

We are glad to have your letter of February 26 and you may rest assured that this organization will do whatever is possible to correct the erroneous statements appearing in the circular of the American Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin, China.

Assuring you of our desire to be of service to you at any time, we are

Very truly yours,



A. O. Arseneau, Manager
Domestic & Foreign Trade Department

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PHILADELPHIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ✓

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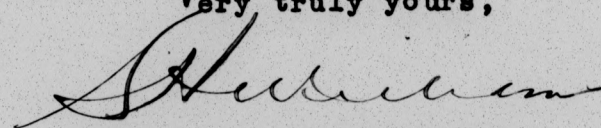
Mr. Olin D. Wanamaker,
Assistant to the President,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of February 26 with which you enclosed
papers concerning funds donated to Chinese insti-
tutions by Americans.

This communication will be filed with
other data we have relative to the subject.

Very truly yours,



S. H. Williams, Commissioner
Transportation and Commerce

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PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ✓

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March 3, 1932.

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
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Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

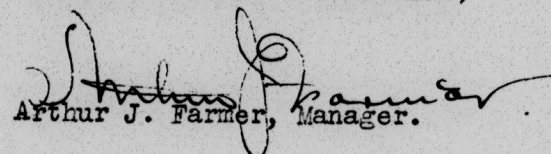
Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Let us thank you for your letter of February 26th. in
which you inclose copy of letter to Mr. Strawn and
copy of letter you received from Mr. G. A. Garside.

We are glad of having the other side of the picture.
In this day of flagrant criticism of others for some
personal gain, it is, of course, well that decisions
not be made until both sides of the picture are clear.
Naturally, we are very happy to have the whole picture
in our possession now but as we took no action on the
former letter, there is really nothing further for us
to do on the subject unless you have something to sug-
gest.

Very truly yours,

MARITIME COMMERCE DEPARTMENT,


Arthur J. Farmer, Manager.

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February 29
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Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
c/o Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 26th enclosing copy of correspondence regarding monies spent on the Yenching University at Tientsin.

There has been some comment regarding American monies spent in China and in order to forestall any unfavorable criticism I should like to have the names of firms and individuals, and their addresses and the amounts paid them out of the "\$1,350,000 has been disbursed to Western firms and Western individuals" as noted in memorandum dated November 12, 1931.

Very truly yours

ROCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A. P. Moody, Manager
Foreign Trade Bureau

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SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ✓

451 CALIFORNIA STREET

March 18, 1932.

to Montgomery

Mr. Olin
Miss Olive D. Wannamaker,
Assistant to the President,
Yengching University,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Wannamaker:

A resolution received by us some months ago from the American Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin indicated that certain institutions abroad, supported by American contributions, were not making purchases from the United States to the extent that they should. We do not recall that Yengching University was cited as an example. It is good to know, however, that Yengching University makes 90 per cent of its purchases in the United States. We have so advised foreign traders who had considered the resolution received from the Tientsin American Chamber.

Very truly yours,

SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Wm. L. Montgomery
Wm. L. Montgomery,
Assistant Manager,
International Trade Department.

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MR. OLIN D. WANNAMAKER,
Assistant to the President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

SUBJECT: TIENSIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
RESOLUTION NO. 5

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

We are glad to give you the cooperation which you requested in your letter of February 28, 1932, and hope it will be our pleasure to be of service to your organization and its officers.

Very sincerely yours

M. Goode
M. Goode, Manager
Foreign Trade Department

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March 7, 1932.

Memorandum to Mr. Wannamaker:

I have received the request you communicated to me from a Yenching correspondent asking to have "the names of firms and individuals, and their addresses and the amounts paid them out of the \$1,350,000.00 which has been disbursed to Western firms and Western individuals," as noted in memorandum dated November 12, 1931."

To prepare in complete and exact form the information requested in the above quotation would involve not only checking through two ledgers, four cash books, and more than 6,000 vouchers, covering a period of more than a decade, among the accounts kept in our New York Office, but would also necessitate our writing to the Field Treasurer requesting him to make a similar investigation through his records on the field. We will of course, be happy to undertake such an investigation for you if the matter is of sufficient importance to justify the expenditure of time and money that would be involved.

I may however, summarize some of the most essential facts fairly briefly:-

The architect in charge of the designing of all buildings, the laying out of the campus, and practically all other architect matters in connection with the construction of the physical plant of Yenching University, was Mr. H. Killam Murphy of New York City.

The consulting engineer who advised on the installation of the heat, light, and sewage system of the University, was Mr. Clyde R. Place of New York City.

The superintendent of construction from the time the first work on the University campus was begun until construction was practically complete in 1927, was Mr. J. McGregor Gibb, a missionary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 150 Fifth Avenue. Mr. Gibb is an American citizen and his address is - 32 Violet Lane, Lansdowne, Pa.

The chief companies with which we have dealt in our purchase of the materials that have gone into the physical plant of the University so far as can be ascertained from our New York books are as follows:-

Our New York accounts give the details of practically all purchases made outside of China and include substantially everything except purchases of brick, lime, stone, cement, and other raw building material.

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Mr. O. D. Wannamaker

March 7, 1932.

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procured in Peiping, and a small fraction of manufactured building materials purchased locally in Peiping or in Shanghai through the Field Treasurer of the University.

Most of the lumber going into the buildings was purchased through Bocker & Company of Seattle, Washington, who in turn purchased this material from lumber companies on the Western Coast of the United States, particularly the following:- Western Fir Lumber Company, North End Lumber Company, Tide Water Mill Company, and Dickman Lumber Company.

Pipes, fittings, and plumbing materials of all kinds were purchased from a number of American concerns, notably; Cornell & Underhill of New York, John Simmons and Company of New York, J. L. Mott & Company of New York, S. H. Knopf & Company of New York, and Crane Export Corporation of New York.

Builders' hardware, including door and window fittings, locks, hinges, etc., were purchased from Sargent & Company of New York, John Simmons & Company of New York, Reading Hardware Company of Reading, Pa., and Bommer Spring Hinge Company of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Structural steel for the buildings was purchased chiefly from the United States Steel Products Company of New York, with a smaller amount from N. H. Buschman & Company of New York.

Electrical equipment was purchased from the Western Electric Company of New York, and the International Standard Electric Company of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Radiators and radiation supplies were purchased chiefly from Andersen, Meyer & Company, Ltd. of New York City and Shanghai (there is some question whether this company should be counted as an American corporation).

Orders of varying sizes for many sorts of building materials were purchased from time to time from Bocker & Company, Seattle, Washington. I understand that practically all of this material was purchased by this Company from American firms on the West Coast.

Power plant machinery was purchased chiefly from E. A. Julie Company of New York City; and from Royles, Ltd., and Galloways, Ltd., of Manchester, England. (It will be remembered that one of the four Mission Boards which support Yenching University is a British Society).

A portion of the power plant was bought from Burmeister and Wein of Copenhagen, Denmark. (These purchases totalling less than G \$40,000 are the only purchases in substantial amounts known to us in New York as having been made outside of American concerns, except for the power plant machinery purchased in Great Britain as noted above).

B. A. Garvida
B. A. Garvida

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