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401 West 118th Street
New York City
December 29, 1934

Mr. Nathaniel Gist Gee
130 Morningside Drive
New York City

Dear Mr. Gee:

We have spoken to Miss Wu Yu-Chen concerning our plans, and she has very kindly tried to help us. We appreciate both your interest in us. We only hope that we may have the opportunity and the privilege to share our experiences with others in China.

Both Mrs. Char and I are very much interested in education in China. We feel that there is an urgent need in Chinese education for new spirit and ideas and that there is a special place for us because of our unique preparation. Our American and Chinese cultural heritages put us in a special position for contributions to education in the new China.

For the last four years I have been teaching Chinese at the University of Hawaii. Previous to that I taught Western History and English at Nankai Middle School. I am now on my leave of absence, taking up graduate studies at Teachers College, Columbia University. I am doing preparatory studies which may lead to the degree of Doctor of Education. I expect to stay here only one year, but I hope to return later for further professional refreshment.

My courses this semester have been of a general nature with the exception of two in the teaching of English. Next semester I am planning to select studies in personnel and guidance and supervision of teaching.

Mrs. Char is taking a limited program of studies, owing to the cost of tuition. She hopes that circumstances will permit her to take more courses in school libraries and home management.

We are especially desirous of locating ourselves in a secondary school in North China. To us, the need for creative work seems greater in a secondary school than in a university. We would fit best on a campus where there is freedom for us to explore areas of usefulness. Because of our own background in an oversea-Chinese community, it is to our advantage for self-improvement and most effective work to be in a community of semi-rural nature which has not been greatly influenced by Western culture. We see the importance of rural reconstruction and would like to observe and participate in this movement in China. The real and challenging work is in a rural secondary school where we can help to train leaders and to create the proper social spirit.

Miss Wu has told us that you will be in your office tomorrow morning. As we shall be in town then, we hope to come in and see you at eleven o'clock to discuss the matter in detail.

With cordial regards and again with appreciation for your kind interest,

Yours sincerely,

Tin-Yuke Char

Tin-Yuke Char

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NAME Tin-Yuke Char (Hsieh T'ing - Yü) 謝廷玉

BORN July 4, 1905 PLACE Honolulu, Hawaii

PARENTS Both Chinese from Canton, China

EDUCATION Graduate of American Public Schools
Yenching University, B. A. 1928
Phi Tau Phi, honorary society for high scholarship
University of Hawaii, M.A. 1932
Phi Kappa Phi, honorary society for high scholarship
Teachers College, Columbia University, Graduate Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE Nankai Middle School, Tientsin, China
Teacher in Western History and English, 1928-1930
University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii
Instructor in Chinese (Mandarin), 1930-1934

ACTIVITIES Chinese Political and Social Science Association, Peiping, China
Hawaii Council, Institute of Pacific Relations
House Committee, Nuuanu Y.M.C.A., Honolulu, Hawaii
Church Council, Keeaumoku Church of Christ, Honolulu
Advisor - Chinese Students Alliance, University unit, Honolulu

FIELDS OF TEACHING Secondary and college levels
Western history - comparative studies, historical method and research, introduction to historical origins of Western cultures and institutions, interpretation of present socio-economic changes.
English - emphasis on English as a language tool for a modern culture, not emphasis on English literature; revision and writing of textbooks.
Supervision of teaching - in departments of English or social studies.
Students Guidance - activities direction, recreation and athletics, club work, adolescent problems, co-educational problems, social guidance, and vocational guidance.

SPECIAL FIELDS The oversea Chinese - their status; aspirations; economic, educational, and social adjustments; importance to China; contributions to China; their adjustments upon return to China; study of immigration laws affecting Chinese and the organization and administration of a Chinese immigration service.
Young Peoples' Work - social welfare, vocational guidance, students problems, club and church activities, recreation.
Introducing China to America - selection of suitable materials for use in American schools, translation of Chinese folklore and literature.
Introducing America to China - student guidance, community leadership, adaptation but not apish imitation - initiative, cooperation, organization, fair-play, and other forms of American spirit and culture.

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PRINTED ARTICLES

In Chinese Political and Social Science Review

1. "Origin and Migrations of the Hakkas" (1928)
2. "Chinese in Hawaii" (1929)
3. "Legal Restrictions on Chinese in English-speaking Countries of the Pacific" (1932)

Collecting Materials on

1. China in American movies, newspapers, and fiction.
2. The American & born Chinese in China.
3. Marital adjustments of Returned Students in China.
4. Vocational opportunities for American-Born Chinese.
5. Financial contributions of Oversea-Chinese communities.
6. Suggestions for a Chinese Immigration Service.

REFERENCES

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, President
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dr. Randolph C. Sailer, acting dean of studies
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Prof. William Hung, *Dept. of History*
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Prof. Shao-Chang Lee, head of department of Oriental Studies
University of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

NAME Wai Jane Char (Mrs. Tin-Yuke Char) 謝陳慧珍
BORN December 8, 1912 PLACE Honolulu, Hawaii

PARENTS Chinese from Canton, China

EDUCATION

Mun Lun Chinese Language School, graduate 1929
Punahou Academy, Honolulu, Hawaii, graduate 1930
University of Hawaii, B.A. in education 1934
Teachers College, Columbia University, Graduate Studies in school libraries

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Chinese Students Alliance, vice-president 1933
Yang Chung Hui, 仰中會, Chinese sorority, president 1932-34.
University student publications, editorial staff
Women Council - Associated Women Students
Advisor - Lightning Juniors, girls club

TEACHING FIELDS

Secondary and elementary schools - general curriculum
School libraries - management, children's reading and literature,
curriculum correlation, instruction in techniques and use
of books and libraries.
Language skills (English)
General sciences - zoology, botany, geology, chemistry

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Library materials - literature, fugitive, and exhibit materials
on China for American libraries, or vice versa.
Children's literature on China - translation and editing into English.
Girls' Work - clubs, etc.
Homemaking - Chinese cooking, management, budgeting, home decoration,
sensible adaptation of Western conduct and manners and social
graces, health and hygiene.

December 31, 1934

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Acting President
Oberlin in Shansi
Taku, Shansi, CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

I am enclosing with this a copy of a letter from Mr. Char, also a copy of certain facts concerning his training and background. This will give you some idea of Mr. Char's wishes in connection with some teaching position. I am writing to ask you if there is a possibility of an opening for Mr. Char at Oberlin in Shensi and if, after looking into the matter, you will kindly communicate with Mr. Char directly at the address given on his letter.

We have been much impressed with Mr. and Mrs. Char here in America and find them to be a very attractive couple with a serious-mindedness and earnestness which is somewhat rare.

Mr. Char has in mind, in addition to his teaching, activities in the community life, and I believe he would be a valuable member of the Shansi group in this way as well as in his teaching.

We hope that you will be back at Yenching in the fall of 1935 and I am sure you will find many interesting problems there, after your absence of a year.

With all good wishes for the New Year for you and your family,
I am,

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee

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December 31, 1934

Professor R. C. Sailer
Acting Director of Studies
Peiping, China

Dear Mr. Sailer:

I have just had a delightful visit from Mr. and Mrs. Char.

Mr. Char is now beginning to look around with the hope of getting something in the way of a teaching position in China beginning in the fall of 1936. You know him more intimately than even I do, but he has made splendid impressions here and both he and his wife impress me as very serious-minded, capable young people with the ideal of making themselves useful in modern China.

I am sending the enclosed statement concerning Mr. and Mrs. Char with the hope that possibly there might be something available at Yenching for one or both of them; or, if this is not possible, that you and Dr. Galt will be able to put Mr. Char in touch with some suitable position where he could make a definite contribution.

His chief interest seems to be in the secondary schools. It has occurred to me that possibly he might be able to find something in the way of a teaching position in such a school in Peiping and at the same time have time enough to give a course or two at the University.

I would be very grateful if, after looking into the matter somewhat, you would communicate with Mr. Char, at 401 West 118th Street, New York City.

I am enclosing with this a copy of a letter from Mr. Char, which will help you to understand his present wishes.

With every good wish for the New Year, I am,

Very sincerely,

HGG:d
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H. Gist Gee

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學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

處務教
Office of the Director of Studies

February 16, 1935

Dr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Gee:

Thank you very much for your letter and material regarding Mr. Char. He is a very good friend of mine and I have been in touch with him also. I had copies of the material made and have approached several schools.

We hope very much to hear something from Mr. Clark before long about his party. I imagine that at the same time he may be awaiting for a very definite set-up from us. Really I do not know exactly what to say in addition to what I have already written. I am sending you two copies of our general information for foreign students some of which may be of interest. I also send a copy of our informal preliminary information sheet and a copy of our regular application blank. This is to show our ordinary procedure rather than to suggest that it be followed with this group. We are rather concerned over the possibility of Mr. Clark finding difficulty in making up a party and therefore perhaps gathering a group more out for adventure than with serious purpose. We feel that we want to take only students of the latter type who come from firstclass colleges and whose standing has been high, say in the top third. As long-range ~~of~~ correspondence is so difficult we would be most grateful if you would collect information about candidates and pass on them for us, sending the results to us as soon as possible.

We have referred three inquiries to you, Miss Janet H. Latimer from University of Redlands, California, the child of Mrs. W. R. Reeds, from Canada, and Laurence Cox of Willamette College. Willamette is a small place but I think we can secure sufficiently good recommendations for Cox to make it desirable to include him. Miss Latimer is from a fine China family. The third case I know nothing about. We have also had inquiries from three Chinese students in America who might perhaps join Mr. Clark's party, if

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Dr. N. Gist Gee
Feb. 16, 1935

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accepted by us. We would be very grateful if you would ask Mr. Clark to drop us a line every two or three weeks to let us know how things are going. Our examinations for foreign Freshmen in China come early in May and by that time we hope to have fairly definite information regarding the number to be expected from America.

Thank you very much indeed. I hope we are not troubling you too much.

Very sincerely yours,

R C Sailer

R. C. Sailer
ACTING DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

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OBERLIN SHANSI MEMORIAL SCHOOLS

山西銘賢學校

TAIKU, SHANSI, CHINA.

山西太谷

Cable Address: "MEMORIAL, TAIKUHSIEN."

Feb. 16, 1935

Mr. Nathaniel Gist Gee
130 Morningside Drive
New York City

Dear Mr. Gee,

You will find enclosed a copy of the letter sent to Dr. Sailer of Yenching in regard to the possibility of obtaining Mr. Char as an English teacher in the Oberlin Shansi Memorial Schools next year.

As Dr. Sailer was the first to bring up the matter, Dr. Mei is letting him deal with Mr. Char directly. However, you may feel free to show the letter to Mr. Char if the opportunity occurs.

Yours truly,

Gertrude Cheney
Gertrude Cheney
English Secretary

March 18, 1935

Miss Gertrude Cheney
Oberlin Shansi Memorial Schools
Taiku, Shansi
China

My dear Miss Cheney:

Thank you for your letter of February 16th and for the copy of Dr. Mei's letter to Mr. Sailer. I am sending this copy to Mr. Char and offering my services in any way possible. It will, of course, be better for direct communication to take place between Dr. Mei and Mr. Char in future.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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March 18, 1955

Mr. Tin-Yuke Char
401 West 118th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Char:

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of a letter from Dr. Y. P. Mei to Dr. R. C. Sailer concerning a possible opening for you. I hope very much that this will fit in with your plans and that you may be willing to consider this offer.

If I can be of any further service please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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March 18, 1935

Mr. R. C. Sailer
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Mr. Sailer:

Your letter of February 16th came in this morning and I had in the same mail a letter from Miss Gertrude Cheney of Oberlin Shansi Memorial Schools enclosing a letter from Mr. Y. P. Mei making an offer to Mr. Char. I hope Mr. Char will be able to accept and that a very definite arrangement may result from this correspondence. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

We have already written you under date of January 24th concerning the fact that because of Mr. Hurrey's illness it was impossible to carry out plans for the group sponsored by the International Committee YMCA to visit China this year. What we have done up to the present will form a basis for any future group. I am writing Mr. Clarke asking him to start such arrangements for any future group in ample time to give us a number of months for the necessary correspondence. I am also giving him the names you suggested in your letter.

I had the pleasure of meeting your Mother a few days ago as I passed through Englewood. I am hoping to see Dr. Sailer here in New York before many more days.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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401 West 118th Street
New York City
March 23, 1935

Dr. N. Gist Gee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

I have received your letter together with one from Dr. Y. P. Mei to Dr. Sailer. I am most grateful to you for your kind help and thoughtful suggestions about my future work in China.

Dr. Sailer has also written to me about the position at Taiku, and I shall answer him immediately.

As you already know, I have decided to return to Hawaii this fall, so I cannot accept the position as offered by Dr. Mei. The work as outlined by Dr. Mei seems most interesting, and I hope that I may be able to accept it perhaps in 1936. At present, I cannot decide so far in advance. There have come to me two offers from Yunnan and Kwangsi. Also, Dr. P. C. Chang has written from Nankai, saying that there are positions open for me and Mrs. Char. Yet, I like very much the prospect of rural work at Taiku. However, as I have said before, I shall have to return to Hawaii, first because we would like to be with my parents a while again and secondly because my department head will be on sabbatical leave.

Thank you again, for I do appreciate very much your kind help. With best wishes to you and others of the Associated Boards,

Yours sincerely,

Tin-Yuke Char

Tin-Yuke Char

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September 29, 1947

Mr. Tin-yuks Char, Chairman
Board of Trustees
Hawaii-Yenching Fund, Inc.
P.O. Box 2988
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Char:

It certainly was good to see you in our office the other day, and I deeply appreciate the courtesy involved in your call. It was also most interesting and inspiring to know of your activities in behalf of Yenching in the Hawaiian Islands. I feel that you must have a conviction that it is most worthwhile.

As requested, we are enclosing a list of the Yenching donors in duplicate. If you will correct one of the lists and return it to us, it will bring our addresses up to date.

I promised to send you some literature, and will keep this in mind from time to time as new brochures are published. I failed, however, to give you one of our latest booklets for the entire group of colleges, entitled "West of Okinawa." That is going forward to you under separate cover.

Please call upon me at any time if I can be of any service. With added thanks, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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