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The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street, New York

The Humanities
David H. Stevens, Director
John Marshall, Associate Director

May 7, 1941

Dear Mr. Chiu:

Immediately on Mr. Stevens's return we discussed your letter of April 3rd about the possibility of a Foundation fellowship for Mr. Chen Hung-shun. At the moment it does not seem possible for us to consider an appointment of the kind he would need for further training in librarianship in this country. Accordingly we wonder if it isn't the better course for you to invite him to become an assistant in your library for the next academic year. Perhaps we had better delay any report to Professor Hung until we know what action you are able to take. If you can send him an invitation, therefore, would you let us hear of it in order that in writing Professor Hung of our inability to consider him, we may allude to this alternate possibility for his getting training in this country. Mr. Stevens joins me in sending you our best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

John Marshall

Mr. A. Kaiming Chiu
Chinese-Japanese Library
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

27 Walker Street,
Cambridge, Mass.,
November 14, 1941.

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University Office,
No. 150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:

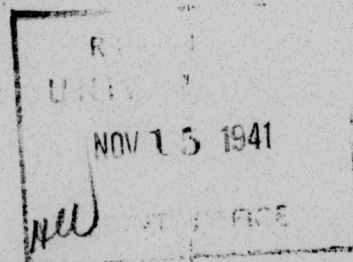
Through the special arrangement made by
Messrs. Serge Elisséeff and A. K. Chiu, the Harvard
University authorities have kindly admitted me as a
post graduate student in the Department of English.
Now I am planning to take the bibliography course of
which the credits, I think, will be counted by any
library school in the States upon application.

Since I am in need of money to defray my
daily expenses and a part of the tuition fee, I wonder
if you would be kind enough to advance my Yenching
allowance for November, \$130.00, at your early con-
venience.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

H. S. Chen
Hung-shun Ch'en,
Assistant librarian (on furlough),
Yenching University.



Paid 11/13/41 - \$65.00 - sent to N.Y. no other address
" 11/17/41 - 65.00
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November 18, 1941

Mr. Hsing-shan Ch'ien
27 Walker Street
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Ch'ien:

Apparently our letters crossed as on November 13th we sent you \$65.00, but upon receipt of your letter we approved the payment of an additional \$65.00 bringing the total amount for November to \$130.00.

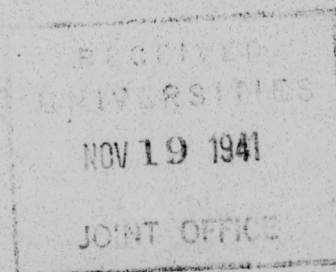
It was good to meet you and I trust upon occasion, if it is possible, you will call again.

From now on we will make payments to you as requested.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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27 Walker Street,
Cambridge, Mass.,
December 8, 1941.

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Executive Secretary,
The Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

The Japanese attack in the Pacific is so Shocking
that makes me worrying exceedingly about the fate of Yenching
University at Peiping.

I am afraid to think that our American faculty
members might have been interned and Chinese members prison-
ed. But let us pray no harm should be done to them.

If, by any chance, you hear anything about our
school, will you please favor me with a brief note?

With very sincere wishes,

Respectfully yours,

M. S. Chen

Hung-shen Ch'en

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December 16, 1941

Mr. Heng-shen Ch'en
27 Walker Street
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Ch'en:

No direct word has been received from Yenching University, but there are evidences that there is no destruction of property or lives. Americans are being treated "circumspectly" and the resumption of commercial banking will probably extend from Shanghai northward under the control of the Japanese.

We are awaiting as anxiously as you for some definite information and will let you know as soon as anything comes to hand.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 4, 1941

Dr. David H. Stevens,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
49 West 49th Street,
New York, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Stevens:

You were very kind in giving me a copy of the Rockefeller Foundation application form for a fellowship to be filled in by Mr. Ch'en Hung-shun, Assistant Librarian at Yenching University. I am enclosing herewith this application form duly filled in by Mr. Ch'en and signed by me as one of the sponsors. The other sponsor, Dr. Alfred K. Ch'iu, has previously written you his recommendation of Mr. Ch'en. Since Dr. Ch'iu is in Cambridge, his signature does not appear on the present form. But I suppose, if it is required to complete the formalities, upon an inquiry from you, Dr. Ch'iu will gladly supply it.

Enclosed are also unmounted photograph of Mr. Ch'en and a letter from Mr. Hung-tu T'ien, Librarian of Yenching University, giving corroborative evidence that Mr. Ch'en would be appointed as a reference librarian at the Yenching University Library upon his return from a successful training on the support of the fellowship.

Mr. Ch'en informs me that he will mail to you separately three copies of his publications. A thoroughgoing medical examination has been given Mr. Ch'en by Peking Union Medical College and a report will be forwarded directly to your office by the authorities of Peking Union Medical College.

As I stated to you in personal conference I may repeat here that I have a very high estimate of Mr. Ch'en's ability and his qualifications for library service. His long service of twelve years at the Yenching University Library has resulted in unanimously praise, among both faculty members and students, of his intelligence, industry, and self-denying eagerness to be of help to anybody who comes to the library. I earnestly hope a fellowship grant may be awarded him, for I have no doubt that, after a year's library training in America, he can, as reference librarian, greatly enhance the services of the Yenching University Library to the University community.

Very sincerely yours,

William Hung

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27 Walker Street,
Cambridge, Mass.,
March 10, 1942.

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Acting Executive Secretary,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Please accept my sincere thanks for your
kind advice given to me on February 28th in your
office.

Enclosed is a duplicate copy of my applica-
tion sent to the Rockefeller Foundation for a fellow-
ship in humanities.

Anything you can help me, or Yenching Univer-
sity rather, in that regard will be gratefully appreciat-
ed.

With best wishes,

very faithfully yours,

H. S. Chen

Hung-shun Ch'en

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27 Walker Street,
Cambridge, Mass.,
March 9, 1942.

Mr. John Marshall,
Associate Director,
The Humanities,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
49 West 49th Street, New York.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for your reply of February 9th signed by Miss A. W. Cotterill in connection with my inquiry about your fellowship in Humanities. In answer to your question, I beg to state the following details for your kind consideration.

I am a graduate of Yenching University, Peiping, China in 1929, serving as an assistant librarian in the same university from 1929 - 1941 and as an exchange librarian at the Harvard Yenching Institute, Cambridge, Mass., beginning with November, 1941. Last year an application for your fellowship was sent through Prof. William Hung, Director of Yenching University Library.

Since, under the present circumstances, it is not possible to get Prof. Hung's signature on my second application, our New York Office will act as my sponsor in this regard.

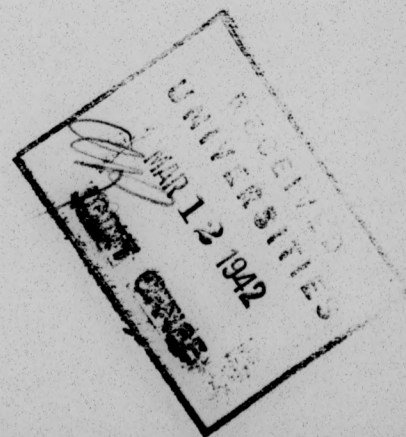
As to the reason of my present application, I wish to say that it remains the same as I gave you last year, namely, to learn more about American library methods in the School of Library Service of Columbia University, New York City, and go back to serve my institution in China with the new training, as soon as means of travel to the orient are re-established.

I sincerely hope that a favorable action on my application of last year may be taken this year.

Faithfully yours,

Hung-shun Ch'en

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March 10, 1942

Mr. Hung-shan Ch'ien
27 Walker Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ch'ien:

I have had several conversations with The Rockefeller Foundation regarding your application and also in reference to the reply sent you on February 9th which I am returning herewith.

The Department of Humanities has made every effort to locate your previous communication which you stated had been filed a year ago, but without success.

I am wondering if you have at hand any of that correspondence with the Foundation last year which will give us a clue regarding these credentials. These records are absolutely necessary before any action whatever can be taken upon your case.

I would suggest that you write directly to the Foundation if you have any of this information available.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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27 Walker Street,
Cambridge, Mass.,
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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Acting Executive Secretary,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans,

It is very kind of you to have had several conversations with the Rockefeller Foundation regarding my application as mentioned in your letter of March 10th.

Enclosed you will please find two duplicate copies of the correspondence I made for helping the tracing of the credentials. Possibly they may be filed under any of the headings as below:

Hung-shun, Chen;
Chen, Hung-shun;
Chiu, A. K.;
Yenching University;
Hung, William;
Harvard Yenching Institute.

As I already wrote them directly a letter on March 9th, of which a copy was sent you on March 10th, I wonder if it would be better for you to supply them the above information. But if you think that I should better do it myself, kindly tell me so.

Thank you very much for all the troubles caused you in the matter.

Very faithfully yours,

H. S. Chen

Hung-shun Ch'en

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M E M O R A N D U M

March 16, 1942

FOR: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. Hung-shun Ch'en is at Harvard University taking post-graduate work in library training with the hope of returning to Yenching University to take over a responsible position in the University Library.

Mr. Ch'en is barely earning enough to maintain himself, and has made application to The Rockefeller Foundation for a grant which will enable him to do some library research work and provide a larger amount for sustenance.

If the Foundation does not grant an appropriation, some arrangement should be made to render this man some assistance.

C. A. E.

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March 17, 1942

Mr. Hsing-shan Ch'en
27 Walker Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ch'en:

I am grateful for your letter of March 2nd enclosing copies of communications written a year ago to The Rockefeller Foundation.

In my conversation with The Rockefeller Foundation they requested that you give the matter your personal attention and if it is necessary for further conference with our office, the Foundation will call us up. I would think, therefore, that you should send every scrap of information which you have available and I am retaining these copies for our own use in case we have occasion to use them.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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27 Walker Street,
Cambridge, Mass.,
March 29, 1942.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of March 17 was received with many thanks. In accordance with your instruction I am herewith sending you some further information on the attached paper.

Mr. Stevens, Director of the Rockefeller Foundation, had a long interview with me at Cambridge. He said that he was going to call you up for making the final decision regarding my fellowship.

If he will raise the question about my plan at the expiration of one year's fellowship, I wonder if you will be able to give ^{him} some sort of assurance like thus: (1) If by that time, i.e. July, 1943, the traffic between the States and the Free China will not be completely stopped, you may place me ~~either~~ in the Yenching University Library at Chengtu, or any other Christian college library around that area where you deem fit; (2) if otherwise, you will try to find for me some work to do in the Harvard-Yenching Chinese Library at Cambridge or other American library possessing Chinese or Japanese collection *for the duration of the war.*

With sincerest appreciation of your kind interest in my future career.

Very faithfully yours,

H. S. Ch'en

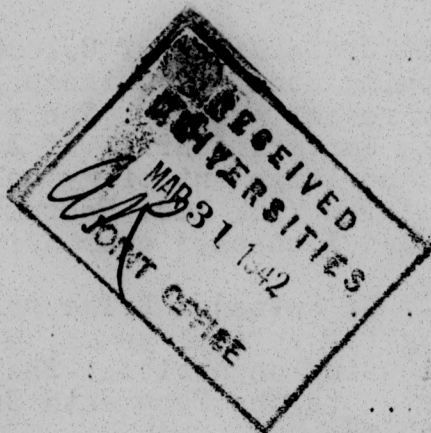
Hung-shun Ch'en

P.S. Is it true that Dr. William Hung and other Chinese faculty members have been detained by the Japanese in Peiping? Do you hear anything about it lately? I shall be much obliged if you can put my name on your mailing list to receiving news about Yenching University.

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Some references for the Rockefeller Foundation
which can be checked up within U. S. A.

- (1) Prof. G. B. Taylor [(414 West 121 st., New York City) ex-faculty member of Yenching University; at present a research member of the Institute of the Pacific Relations], will be able to make a first hand account of my works in the Yenching University library, particularly the aids I gave to Dr. R. Lowenthal for his publications;
- (2) Prof. L. C. Goodrich of Columbia University can tell some thing about my Chinese bibliographical knowledge. In his recent article: The revolving book case of China, for the Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies will find his acknowledgement of my help. Even during my short stay at New York last February, he showed his final draft and I checked over a few references for him.
- (3) Prof. G. N. Kates [of Princeton University who was in Peiping for several years; a co-author with me in contributing an article: The history of Prince Kung's palace... to the Monumenta Serica, Peiping], knows my service too.
- (4) Mr. Bliss Wiant [(130 Morning side Drive, New York City) Yenching University teacher] can give a truthful account of my service at Yenching University as an assistant librarian and my help to him for tracing some materials on Chinese music and embroidery.
- (5) Miss Grace Boynton (ex-teacher of English in Yenching University; now transferred to the West China University at Chengtu) made a series of lectures on Chinese garden in Harvard University last Spring. Later, she informed me that she made an acknowledgement of my help to her ~~subject~~ ^{lecture} in the beginning of her first lecture. Some of her audience may still remember that fact.
- (6) Prof. S. Elisseeff, Director of Harvard-Yenching Institute already told Dr. Stevens about my helpfulness in the Harvard Library. [Dr. Stevens told me so]



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April 2, 1942

Mr. Hung-shan Ch'ou
27 Walker Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ch'ou:

In answering your letter of March 29th, we wish to assure you that we will do what we can in connection with your application to The Rockefeller Foundation. We are not in a position, of course, to guarantee anything for the future as these days are so uncertain and will be relatively still more so, looking forward to the middle of 1943.

We are also grateful for the list of references which we will use in case of necessity.

To the best of our knowledge only a few of the Chinese faculty members have been detained by the Japanese and this includes William Hung. It is our understanding that they are confined to their residences on the compound, but this information came from Kichwa and Chungking and was the report of a student escaped from Yenching.

Any direct news which we may receive from Yenching will be relayed to you gladly.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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27 Walker Street,
Cambridge, Mass.,
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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Acting Executive Secretary,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

It is a great pleasure to report you that
I have been awarded a Rockefeller Foundation fellow-
ship for study librarianship for a period of ten
months beginning about the middle of September, 1942.

I wish to thank you very sincerely for your
kind assistance in making the fellowship successful.

Very faithfully yours,

H. S. Chen

Hung-shun Ch'en

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May 29, 1942.

Mr. Heng-shan Chen
27 Waller Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Chen:

We rejoice with you in the award of the Foundation
and assure you that you are to be congratulated.

We would like to keep in touch with you as to what
your future plans are and will look forward to that end and to
receiving further correspondence from you.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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27 Walker Street,
Cambridge, Mass.,
June 25, 1942.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Acting Executive Secretary,
The Associated Boards^{for} Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

With regard to my future plan after my study
at the Columbia Library School, I wish to say that I hope I
could join the Yenching University again.

Since conditions there are very obscure, I
think it would be better to talk the matter with you in person
upon my arrival at New York around the middle of the coming
September.

With best wishes,

Very respectfully yours,

M. S. Ch'en

Hung-shun Ch'en

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July 2, 1942

Mr. Hsing-shan Ch'ou
27 Walker Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ch'ou:

I was happy to receive your recent letter concerning your plans for the future. Under present circumstances, it is, of course, impossible to make any definite commitments, but I share your hope that you will be able to rejoin Yenching University.

I look forward to talking with you on your next trip to New York.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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27 Walker Street,
Cambridge, Mass.,
September 1, 1942.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

On September 12th I shall leave Cambridge for
New York and I shall arrange to call on you after my
arrival.

Will you please send me the full payment for
September at your early convenience? Thanks a lot.

With best wishes,

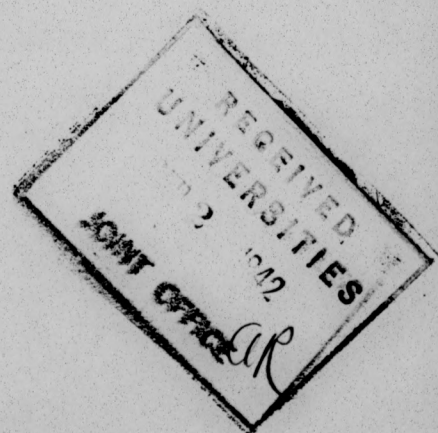
I am,

Very faithfully yours,

H. S. Chen
Hung-shun Ch'en

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September 3, 1942

Mr. Heng-shan Chen
27 Walker Street
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Chen:

Your letter of the first came to hand and, as requested,
I am enclosing check for \$130.00.

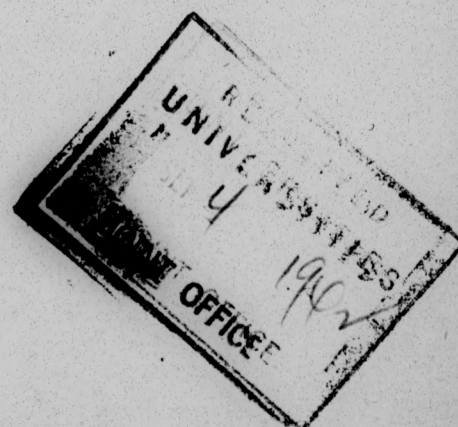
I shall be happy to see you next week when you are in
New York. I notice that this date is Saturday and the office is
closed at 12 o'clock. Possibly you will be available during the
following week.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 28, 1942

Mr. E. S. Chan
606 West 115th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Chan:

I was delighted and surprised to receive your Christmas gift. It was indeed most thoughtful of you and I am afraid that I am not in a position to reciprocate to a proportionate degree. However, it will give me cause for remembering you as oft as I view that beautiful landscape executed with such exquisite finesse.

May I extend to you my very best wishes for the New Year.

Gratefully yours,

C. A. EVANS

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606 West 115th St.,
New York, N. Y.,
February 2, 1943.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Acting Executive Secretary,
The Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Concerning my plan after one year (1942-1943)
study at the Columbia Library School, I wish very much
to have your kind advice.

I shall be at your office at 11 p.m. tomorrow.

With best greetings,

I am,

Very faithfully yours,

H. S. Chen
Hung-shun Ch'en

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION
49 WEST 49TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Ch'ien; *Hung Shun*

Further discussion of your probable situation at the termination of your fellowship appointment on July 11, 1943, makes us feel that for the present there is little use in your taking steps which would prepare you to take advantage of any opportunity to return to China which might offer itself at that time. It is, as always, our assumption that you will return to China to put to use there the results of your study in this country at the first practicable opportunity. But it certainly seems unlikely at present that such an opportunity will be offering itself, and furthermore, we recognize that with conditions what they are in China, you would have no advantageous opportunity for work there. Under these circumstances it seems of little use at present for you to apply for an exit permit or for us to put your name on the list of Chinese students who wish to return.

Rather our considered view is as follows: You should, between now and July, make every effort to find work in which you can be usefully employed in this country. This means, as we see it, that you should again discuss with Mr. Meng the possibility of your registering at his office your availability for such work. Perhaps your interest in calling as you did recently at his office was not entirely clear to him in this respect. It seems that there are two possibilities through his office, one is scholarship aid, which is available to Chinese students who have no other means of support in this country; the other, registration for possible employment in this country. My suggestion is that you ask to see Mr. Meng again with a view to this second possibility.

If in June there seems no clear prospect that you can be usefully employed in this country, we shall stand ready to consider the matter afresh. I see no likelihood at present that we could consider a renewal of your fellowship, since the appointment was for a definite period of time, and since we are not now in a position to consider appointments of this type.

Your appointment of course carries provision for your expenses of your return travel to China. Ordinarily fellows are expected to return immediately on the termination of their appointment. But, since

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION
49 WEST 49TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Mr. Hung-shun Ch'en

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February 24, 1943

it is improbable that you will be able to, we should be prepared to keep available for a period of not longer than one year from the termination of your appointment the provision made for the cost of your return.

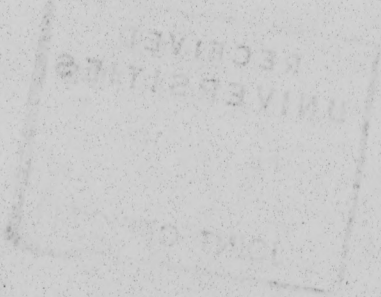
As we see it then, the time to consider what you will do after your appointment terminates will come in June when we can know pretty definitely whether or not there will be useful work for you in this country. We feel that in the meantime you should make every effort to find such work, both through Mr. Meng's office, and in other ways. We shall look forward to having a report from you in June as to the outcomes of your efforts in this direction.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Hung-shun Ch'en
606 West 115th Street
New York, New York

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Copies to Mr. Chih Meng and Mr. C. A. Evans



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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
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606 W. 115th Street,
New York, 25, N. Y.,
February 8, 1944.

Mr. James A. Cameron,
The Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cameron:

In response to your letter of March 7th, I am
returning you, under separate cover, the following:

A) Photographs:

- a) Yenching University, Nos. 1052, 1057, 1060, 1061,
& 1063;
- b) Nanking University, Nos. 1511, & 1504;
- c) Western China University, Nos. BL-3 & BL-12;
- d) Fukien Christian University, Nos. 1534 & BL-7
(Shaowu).

B) Fenn, William, P. : The effect of the Japanese invasion
of higher education in China. Kowloon, China Institute
of Pacific Relations, 1940.

I am grateful to your assistance in lending me the
above which has made the exhibition at Columbia University very
impressive.

Enclosed is a copy of my talk delivered for the Con-
ference of Eastern College Librarians held at Columbia University
on January 29. I shall appreciate it, if you will kindly give ~~the~~ ^{the paper}
to Mr. Evans. Dr. Carl M. White, Director of Libraries, Columbia
University has asked me to contribute the same to the "College
and Research Libraries" a magazine published by the American
Library Association, Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

H. S. Ch'ên
Hung-Shun Ch'ên

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March 7, 1944

Mr. H. S. Chan
606 W. 115th Street
New York 25, New York

Dear Mr. Chan:

On January 18th you borrowed a number of photographs of University Libraries from us, together with a copy of Mr. William Fenn's book "The Effect of the Japanese Invasion on Higher Education in China."

These have not been returned and we shall be grateful if you will send them to us at your earliest convenience as we are anxious to keep our picture files as complete as possible.

We are particularly anxious to have Dr. Fenn's book on hand as it is our only copy.

Sincerely yours,

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JAMES A. CAMERON

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April 8, 1944

Mr. Hung-Shun Chen
606 West 115th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Chen,

In December when I saw you at Miss Rathbone's I talked with so many Yenching people that I promptly forgot what you said you were doing now. Your address indicates that you are in New York and I am wondering whether you are working or studying.

The last of February I returned to New York and have been checking up some of Yenching's financial matters which were left in an unfinished state when our work in Peking was suddenly cut off. From looking over the correspondence I find our letter to Mr. Evans in regard to your annuity never arrived. Since you came to America in the fall of 1941 the University has continued to pay \$4 per month on your annuity but the records show that you have made no contributions. I do not know whether you wish to keep up these payments on your annuity or not. We shall be glad to hear what your desire in the matter is.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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606 W. 115th Street,
New York 25, N. Y.,
April 11, 1944.

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

Dear Miss Cookingham,

Thank you for your letter of April 8, telling me that Yenching University has continued to pay \$4 per month on my annuity since the fall of 1941.

Until you wrote me, I have never heard of the fact. In order to get it straight, will you please let me know how much I owe you up to March, 1944. I shall do my best to have it settled within a possible short time.

I should also be glad to know how much my annuity account amounts to now and what is the sum that I should contribute monthly from April, 1944 on.

In case Yenching University feels better to keep me off the annuity plan, please tell me so.

I have completed my library science studies at Columbia University during 1942-43, and I am now engaged by them as a special fellow in cataloguing.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Hung-shun Chen

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April 20, 1944

Mr. Hung-shun Chen
606 West 115th Street
New York 25, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Chen,

I was glad to receive your prompt reply to my letter about annuity payments. I have talked the matter over with Miss Speer and it is our understanding that the University would pay \$4 per month on your annuity as long as you were a student but that you would pay the full amount, or \$8 per month, when you are receiving a salary.

The records show that you paid your share of your annuity in Peking in September 1941. Since you were studying from then on until June 1943, 21 months in all, the amount due from you for that period would be \$84. From July 1943 through March of this year you would be expected to pay \$8 per month which amounts to \$72. For the whole period the amount due the University would be \$156. From now on you can pay in monthly installments if you desire.

If this arrangement is not quite clear to you please let me know. I hope you will be able to continue payments on your policy because it is an excellent plan.

I have looked up the correspondence with the Sun Life Assurance Company to find the value of your annuity at present but I do not find a statement later than June 1941. At that time the total accumulation was \$283.58 and the amount of annuity which had been purchased for you was \$81.40.

Sincerely yours,

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606 W. 115th Street,
New York 25, N. Y.,
May 4, 1944.

Miss Mary Cookingham,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Cookingham,

I am very grateful to you for your kind reply of April 20 which gives me a good deal of information about my annuity plan.

Enclosed you will please find a postal check for \$30 as a partial payment of the amount of \$84 as mentioned in your letter. From June on, I shall keep on sending you the same amount each month until the outstanding account is completely settled.

As to the second amount of \$72, May I ask your favor to reconsider it for two reasons. First, my present work at the Columbia University for 1943-1944 is still on a scholarship basis as a continuation of my previous study. In fact, I do not get one cent more than the Rockefeller foundation fellowship which I received for 1942-1943. Secondly, my financial condition is not favorable and thirty dollars is the best contribution I could make out from the present stipend.

If the above will make sense to you, I wonder if you could charge again with \$4.00 for the annuity of the present academic year.

Thank you for all the troubles involved in the effect and please give my best wishes to Miss Speer.

Sincerely yours,

Hungshun Chen

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*I gave check to Miss Cloud
5/6/44*

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May 13, 1944

Mr. Hung-shun Ch'en
606 West 115th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Ch'en,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 4th and the check for \$30 which you enclosed. Your annuity account now stands as follows:

Annuity payments due for the period	
Oct. 1941 - June 1943, 21 months @ \$4	\$84
July 1943 - April 1944 10 months @ \$8	80
	164
Less payment received May 4, 1944	30
Balance due	\$134

I did not answer your letter sooner because I wanted to consult Miss Speer before answering it. She has been in the office this week and we have had an opportunity to consider the matter. Neither of us is in a position to make any new decisions in regard to annuity payments. We can only interpret the policy which has been followed in the past. In general when Yenching people were granted time for study in America the period was one year. During that time Yenching continued to pay half of the annuity payments which were due each month. At the end of the period of study if the person concerned wished to continue in America he had to pay the full amount of his annuity each month.

When you came to America conditions were very unsettled and you did not arrive at the beginning of the fall semester. Taking everything into consideration Miss Speer and I feel that the University would be willing to pay one half of your annuity for a period of 21 months but certainly not longer. Even if you find it difficult to pay more than \$30 a month you will be able to complete the payments before the end of the present calendar year.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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606 West 115th Street,
New York 25, N. Y.,
June 5, 1944.

Miss Mary Cookingham,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Cookingham,

Your kind reply of May 13 was duly received.
I thank you very much for telling me the University
policy about the annuity plan and granting me the favor
of paying one half of annuity for 21 months.

Enclosed is a postal order for \$30. ^{for paying my annuity account} Kindly
acknowledge receipt of the same and oblige.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Hungshun Ch'ên

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June 7, 1944

Mr. Hung-shan Chen
606 West 115th Street
New York 25, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Chen,

Thank you for sending \$30 with your letter of
June 5. We have credited this amount on your annuity account.

Are you going to the Yenching picnic on Sunday,
June 11? I expect to go with the group at two o'clock and I
hope to bring my sister with me.

Sincerely yours,

MC

Mary Cookingham

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606 W. 115th Street,
New York, N. Y.
July 6, 1944.

Miss Mary Cookingham,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Cookingham:

Enclosed is a postal order for \$30 for
which please credit to my annuity account. ✓

With best greetings,

Sincerely yours,

H. S. Chen
Hung Shun Ch'en

Encl. 1 postal order

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July 10, 1944

Mr. Hung-shun Ch'en
808 West 115th Street
New York 25, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ch'en,

Thank you for your remittance of \$30 which came with your letter of July 6. We have credited this amount to your annuity account.

This morning I received letters from Ralph Lapwood, Miss Grace Boynton and Y. P. Hsi from Chengtu. Everyone is looking forward to the time when we can return to our own campus in Peking.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

MC

Mary Cookingham

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606 West 115th Street,
New York, N. Y.
September 6, 1944.

Miss Mary Cookingham,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Cookingham,

Herewith I am sending you a postal
check for \$30 on account of annuity insurance.

I enjoyed very much of my call on
you last month. Did you have a nice vacation?

As German defeat is almost in sight,
let's hope the time when the Japanese will surrender
may come sooner.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

H. I. Chên
Hung-shun Ch'ên

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Dear Mr. Ch'en,

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606 West 115th Street,
New York 25, N. Y.,
October 5, 1944.

Miss Mary Cookingham,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Cookingham,

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Enclosed is a postal check for \$30 in
payment of annuity insurance.

I thank you very much for the detailed
account about my annuity which you gave me in
your letter of September 8.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

H. S. Chien
Hung Shun Ch'ien

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606 West 115th Street,
New York 25, N. Y.,
November 4, 1944.

Miss Mary Cookingham,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Miss Cookingham,

Herewith I am sending you a postal
check for \$30 in payment of the annuity account.

On October 5, a postal check, No.
808429, for the same amount was mailed to you. I
hope it has already reached safely.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

H. S. Chen

Hung Shun Ch'ên

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November 8, 1944

Mr. Hung-shun Ch'en
606 West 115th Street
New York 25, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ch'en,

Thank you for your October and November annuity payments of \$30 each.

Beginning with July 1, 1944 your account stands as follows:

Balance due July 1, 1944	\$120.00
Add payments due July to Dec. 1944	
5 @ \$8	<u>40.00</u>
	160.00
Less payments made July to Dec.	
5 @ \$30	<u>150.00</u>
Balance due Dec. 1, 1944	10.00

If you send \$18 in December you will only need to send \$8 per month beginning with the payment of January 1945. I am sure it will seem good to you to have these back payments cleared up.

I will try to acknowledge your payments from time to time but your money orders are sure to reach us regularly.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

MC

Mary Cookingham

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606 West 115th Street,
New York 25, N.Y.,
December 2, 1944.

Miss Mary Cookingham,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Miss Cookingham,

Thank you for your letter of November 8.
According to the statement you gave me, the total
payment for my annuity account for December, 1944
to June, 1945, which I am planning to clear up wi-
thin two months, will amount to \$66.

I am herewith enclosing a postal check
for \$30, and shall send you in the next month
another remittance for the balance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

H. S. Chen
Hung Shun Ch'ên

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606 West 115th Street,
New York 25, N. Y.,
January 4, 1945.

Miss Mary Cookingham,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Miss Cookingham,

As mentioned in my letter of December 2, last year, I am sending you a postal check for \$36 which will cover my annuity account up to June inclusive.

Miss Margaret Waller, who worked in Yenching University Library for a few years, recently sent me a letter without full address. The only thing I could trace is Bloomburg, Pa. I should be very grateful to you, if you could find her mailing address for me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

H. S. Chen
Hung Shun Ch'ên

*acknowledged
with payment
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