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Bartford Theological Seminary  
Bartford, Connecticut

Write to Cornelius Patton

Support you

April 24th 1920.

My dear Mr. Luce:

I am now writing to ask you a question regarding a friend of mine who is thinking of coming over to this country for further education. The man whom I refer to is Mr. Shao-Chow Chuan, brother of Mr. James Chuan the former General Secretary of our Chinese Students Christian Association in North America. Mr. S. C. Chuan was formerly a student of the North China Union College which is now affiliated with the Peking University. Before he was graduated he had entered into business life in which he has found himself more interested and successful. At present he is working in the Export Dept of the Okura Company in Shanghai where he has been for more than three years. He is a very brilliant and smart young fellow and possesses certain potentialities which would build him up to be a very useful man if he could only have the chance of advanced training here in America. He is specially interested in the study of Commerce and Finance or things of that kind. What I should like to ask you now is that if you could suggest some possibilities of getting a scholarship for him in one of our Colleges here in America, then he will be able to meet other expenses himself. Of course his knowledge of the English language is quite sufficient for his studies in America. I hope you will keep this matter in your mind and in case you find some opportunity for his coming please let me know.

I shall expect to see you again before I leave for France in the early part of June. Hoping to hear from you.

Yours very sincerely,

Acknowledged Andrew C. Y. Cheng

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File  
Paris, December 29, 1920.

My dear Dr. Luce.

Thank you very much for your letter of December 3rd. It was very kind of you to write me in this way, for which I am very thankful. I should be very glad to have a copy of the new pamphlet just out for Peking University.

I have just finished my work here in France and am proceeding to America. My boat "Lorraine" will sail from Le Havre for N. Y. C. on January 3rd. Of course I shall call upon you when I arrive. When will Dr. Stuart be in New York? I shall expect to see you both when I get back.

My brother has not been well for over a month. His last letter was written in a hospital in Shanghai. He is still suffering from his old head trouble. In fact he really needs a long rest somewhere



in America or England. Please  
keep him in your thought & prayer.  
The Chinese Church needs him  
badly.

With kind regards.

Yours very sincerely,  
Andrew C. Y. Cheng



Hartford Theological Seminary  
Hartford, Connecticut

Oct. 31st 1921.

Rev. Henry W. Luce,  
Peking University,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Luce:

I was very glad to read your leaflet under the name of "Peking News" which you so kindly sent to me a few days ago. It is my peculiar pleasure to keep in touch with the activities of our prospective University in Peking. I have just received a letter from Dr. Leighton Stuart who is now travelling in China on an educational commission. His letter shows that he is exceptionally busy at the present moment.

With best wishes for your success.

Yours sincerely,

*Andrew C. Y. Cheng*

Taken from discarded file copy  
December 10, 1929      MLL

June 7, 1922

Mr. Andrew Cheng  
Hartford Theological Seminary  
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Andrew:-

It was a great joy to see you the other day although I greatly regret the circumstances compelling such a hurried interview.

I am also greatly pleased to know that you really are preparing to come to our University after one more year of study. Much as I have looked forward to this from the beginning, I had not wanted to bring any pressure on you but leave you free to make your own decision. There has also been a certain problem of financial arrangements. I think this latter matter can soon be arranged so that both you and ourselves are apparently almost ready to make this a definite and final decision.

As soon as the necessary steps can be taken you will hear directly and formally from our Trustees. It may be that the departure of many for the summer vacation and similar causes may delay this until the autumn, but in any case I think that you can make your plans definitely to this end and we shall as definitely look forward to having you with us.

With affectionate greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

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UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

600 WEST 122ND STREET

NEW YORK

Feb. 6, 1923.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,  
Peking University,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear <sup>Dr.</sup> Stuart:

I understand that you are now on the move for Peking University and are fully occupied with engagements and activities. I trust that this letter will be forwarded to you very soon.

I am just writing to ask you with regard to the possibility of securing a Resident Fellowship (\$650) from Union Theological Seminary for my study here during next year (1923-24). I feel that it will help me a great deal not only financially, but will also enable me to work more intensively in my own field of study. If you think this step advisable would you not kindly recommend me to the Union authorities for this matter. My application for the Fellowship must be in before May, so I hope you will kindly consider this matter and do whatever you see fit. I shall be very glad to see you about this matter if you can be back to New York before May, otherwise I shall expect to hear from you just the same.

I am now taking 12 points at Union and 7 in Teachers College. Through the kindness of Mr. Porter and Prof. Monroe I have been fully admitted in Teachers College as a graduate student working for the M. A. degree. It was further beyond my expectation that I received yesterday from Professor Monroe a tuition scholarship for this semester. I feel quite settled in New York now and will probably stay here for a year and half at least.

Yours very sincerely,

*Andrew C. Chung*

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December 13, 1929 MLL

April 7th, 1923

My dear Andrew:-

I am writing today to Union Seminary regarding the resident fellowship. I am sending the letter to Dr. Fleming. It might be well for you to give to him the record of your work elsewhere or ask him to pass my letter on to the place where these matters are decided.

I have been hoping that I could see you and Mr. Hsu again before starting for China, but my time seems very full and I am constantly out of the city. I shall be here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. If you telephone your office, it may be possible for us to fix a time when you might both come down here, but as we shall have the annual meeting of our Trustees, I cannot say now just when I shall be free.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Andrew C. Y. Cheng ✓  
Union Theological Seminary  
New York.



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December 11, 1929 JC

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April 7th, 1923

Dear Dr. Fleming:-

My former student, Mr. Andrew C. Y. Cheng, has written to me asking that I recommend him for a resident fellowship during the session 1923-1924.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to do so, and as we are expecting Mr. Cheng will join the staff of Peking University, School of Theology, in the Department of New Testament, such action on the part of Union Seminary will not only enable Mr. Cheng to carry out his own purpose, but will be a very practical assistance to our institution. Mr. Cheng can furnish his record up to the present and I shall be glad to add any additional information.

I am writing to you because of your practical interest in the problems of our institution and because of our pleasant personal acquaintance. You will know to whom this matter should be referred.

Very sincerely yours,

Prof. D. J. Fleming, D.D.,  
Union Theological Seminary  
New York.

COPY.

22 April 1924.

*True information.  
You very likely know  
that Mr. Hu comes  
next year with a \$1600  
fellowship; Mr. Peng  
with \$250, & Mr.  
Hu with \$450, all  
from Peking.  
D.J.F.*

Mr. Andrew Cheng,  
Dormitory.

My dear Mr. Cheng:

President McGiffert authorizes me  
to inform you that he has arranged for you to  
receive \$200.00 next year from a fund that  
he has at his disposal.

Hoping that full arrangements  
for your needs will be made,

Sincerely,

DJF/MH.

*file  
under  
~~Mr. Hu~~  
Cheng*

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COPY FOR MR. JAMES H. LEWIS.

February 14, 1925.

Mr. Andrew C. Y. Ch'eng,  
Department of Chinese,  
Columbia University,  
New York City.

My dear Andrew:

Your letter came a few days ago and I am cabling to our office recommending that you stay in America one more session. Much as we should like to have you back here I can appreciate the reasons you urge for completing your Doctorate and getting all of this behind you at once and forever, so let this cable and letter be regarded as our final decision in the matter and make your plans to stay next year without further anxiety about our needs at this end. As I am only recently back from a trip to Chekiang when I took my mother's body there for burial, and find myself very much behind in correspondence I shall not attempt to write more.

Very sincerely yours,

(Footnote to Dr. North)

Of course if adequate special support is secured for Cheng and he is willing to come on next autumn we shall be glad to have him. But if such support can be held for a year or otherwise applied temporarily it will help next year's Budget and we can carry on here. J.L.S.

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*Testimonials*

Columbia University  
in the City of New York  
DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE

April 30, 1927.

Dr. Henry W. Luce,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Luce:

I was so glad to have a glimpse of you last night at Mr. Koo's meeting. It has been such a long time since I saw you last, and I trust your health is improving. You may have heard from Dr. North that I am sailing back in June and will take up my work at Yenching in the fall, provided the University is still open at that time. Of course things are so uncertain these days that nobody can say anything very definite about the missionary enterprise. But whether the missionaries leave us or not, we as Chinese Christians will stand for the cause of Jesus to the end. I just received a letter from my brother this morning in which he said this "The whole missionary movement may be disorganized for the present at least. But I believe in Jesus and will believe in Him as long as I have my breath. I suppose you do not remember much about 1900, here is something for you to experience in this year of 1927! Let us put our trust in God who can save us not from trouble but from unfaithfulness and disloyalty!" I just want to share this bit of personal message with you as a friend, and I do not mean to make it public.

I shall leave New York on the second of June and will of course come to see you before I go. I trust God will bless your work for Yenching and will guide you in these days of anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

*Andrew C. C. Cheng*

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Andrew Cheng

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Cheng Cheng-kun

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December 26, 1939

Madam Chiang Kai-Shek,  
Chungking, China.

Dear Madam:

My interest in China prompts me to take the liberty of calling to your attention a young Chinese now in Western China, whose qualities admirably equip him to serve as an interpreter of his country abroad. I refer to Mr. Cheng Ch'eng-K'un who returned to China last summer after two and one-half years of graduate study in Sociology and Political Science at the University of Washington.

Mr. Cheng is a graduate of Yenching University and prior to his coming to America was assistant professor in the College of Arts at the University of Amoy. His father, who had extensive business interests in Amoy until that port was occupied by the Japanese, has moved his family to Hongkong where they now reside.

During Mr. Cheng's period of study with us he was given a teaching assistantship and taught successfully for two years introductory classes. He was also in great demand as a public lecturer and gave much time to addresses dealing with the situation in China. He has perfect command of both written and spoken English, and besides possesses the capacity in an unusual degree to adapt himself to the ways of living of those with whom he associates. I have myself lived in the Far East for a number of years and am well acquainted with many Orientals but seldom have I found any one who in personality, character, and ability is superior to him.

Before Mr. Cheng's return to China last summer, he consulted with American publishers concerning his proposed study of conditions in the interior of China and his preparation of articles that might acquaint the American public with the social and economic progress now going forward under the stress of war conditions. His father, unfortunately, strongly opposed this undertaking, but parental objections were apparently overcome, for I have just recently received an air mail letter from him written at Kunming, in Yunnan Province. He said letters would be forwarded to him if addressed to Dr. Wen-Tsao Wu, Department of Sociology, National University of Yunnan, Kunming. Very likely he will in the course of his travels reach Chungking, where I hope he may make the acquaintance of those directing the foreign service.

In my opinion Mr. Cheng possesses the personal and educational qualifications essential for success as a representative of his country abroad. Because of his excellent command of English and his understanding of the American way of life he is exceptionally well fitted to interpret China's aims and problems to the American people.

I am making bold to write you in this way because of my deep interest in the building of a new China freed from all foreign aggression. It is needless for me to say that Mr. Cheng has not the slightest idea that I am writing you concerning him. He may never have the opportunity of meeting you or His Excellency General Chiang Kai-Shek, but in case he does come to your attention, this letter may serve as an introduction for him.

Respectfully yours,

J. F. Steiner, Chairman,  
Department of Sociology.

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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
SEATTLE

March 11, 1942

*Ack. ojc*  
*3-16-42*

*This man is  
the brother of  
Cheng T'eh-kun*

Mr. O. J. Caldwell  
West China Union University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Caldwell,

I do not know if you still remember that you advised me to come to the University of Washington the last time I saw you on Kulangsu. I was here until the summer of 1939 and then went back to the Orient, to Free China where I spent two years travelling extensively. When I was in Chengtu, my sister-in-law told me that you were there for some time, heading the English Department of the University of Nanking. Last September I met T'eh-k'un in Hongkong. He gave me your address in New York. You probably heard that he had arrived safely in Chengtu after a most dangerous journey across the Pacific. The ship on which he travelled carried arms and munitions and was convoyed by warships.

I came back to Seattle early last November. My original plan was to finish the book I am writing and then work on my doctor's dissertation both of which I calculated would take most of the two years I intended to spend here in the University of Washington. But since last December, I have been wondering if I could find a publisher in the coming summer when my work on the book will be completed. At the same time, the war does not seem to have very much prospect for an early settlement. It may last four or five years, and I do not want to be cramped here as an associate(instructor) teaching introductory sociology for an annual salary of \$2,000.00.

Under normal conditions, if I like, I might be able to work my way into the Department of Oriental Studies here on the campus. But this, apparently, is impossible now because the war has cut down the enrollment by over three thousands this quarter. Since you are so well-established in the East, I ~~know~~ am sure you have more contacts with people in government and educational circles than my friends and colleagues out here in the Pacific Northwest. I am, therefore, making this request in the hope that you will use your influence to secure me a job either teaching the language, the history, the government, and the international relations of China in any of the colleges and universities in the East or even Middle West, or joining the Federal Government in Washington.

I graduated from Yenching University in 1931 and was in the Graduate School there for one year. Between September 1932 and December 1933, I taught English in the National University of Shantung at Tsingtau as lecturer in the College of Arts. In January 1934, I was asked by the director of the China Branch of the International Labor Office to go to Shanghai to take charge of the report which he had to



make to the Head-Office at Geneva every month. From there I went to the University of Amoy in September of the same year as assistant professor. I remained there two years until the latter part of 1936 when I came to Seattle.

I received my Master's degree in August 1937 and for two years after that, I held a teaching fellowship in the Department of Sociology here while working for my Ph.D. at the same time.

In the summer of 1939 I went to Free China by way of Japan, Shanghai, Hongkong, and Indo-china. For one whole year, I travelled all the way down and up the Burma Road to the border of Burma in the southwest and across the country to the Bend of the Yellow River in the northwest. All through that vast interior, I had the privilege of studying on the spot all phases of China's wartime reconstruction and reorganization. Between October 1940 and July 1941, while exploring the libraries in Chengtu for historical materials on Sino-Japanese relations, I was honorary professor in West China Union University.

Since 1934 a number of my articles(both Chinese and English) have been published in China and in this country. Right now I am writing RESILIENT CHINA, a book designed to acquaint the American reading public with the progress made by ~~China~~ the Chinese people while resisting aggression.

I am enclosing a carbon copy of a letter written by Dr. Jesse F. Steiner to Madam Chiang for me in 1939 so that, in case you should need references, you may use it for the time being. Dr. Steiner wants me to stay here to finish my work for Ph.D. As long as I am doing my research, I do not mind the arrangements he made for me. But the war seems to have changed the situation. I can write my thesis anywhere, and there is no reason why I should stick around here when I know I can render greater service to America at war and make more money for myself. I am afraid that all our property in Hongkong have been destroyed or taken over by the Japanese soldiery. As soon as I locate my folks ~~who~~ were there at the time of the attacks, I might have to find some way to send them money.

I have not consulted Dr. Steiner about this, but I am sure that if I can get a better offer, he will be willing to write a letter of recommendation for me.

Trusting this will receive your esteemed consideration.  
My best regards to Mrs. Caldwell and yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

*C. K. Cheng*  
Cheng Ch'eng-k'un.

P.S. By the way, I ran into Benjamin Chow in Hongkong. He was garbed in Chung-shan uniform and looked unfed and aged. He is on leave of absence this year. He was called to Hongkong to help run a government import and export firm. He was still there when I left. I imagine he must be caught in the whirlstorm. Arthur Lee is still in the University of Amoy. He married Te-kun's sister-in-law last year.

March 16, 1942

Mr. Cheng Ch'eng-k'un  
University of Washington  
Department of Sociology  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Cheng:

I was very happy indeed to receive your letter, and you may be sure I will do everything in my power to help you. However, please do not get any exaggerated ideas about my influence.

During the three years that T'e-k'un spent in this country, I saw him frequently and acquired a great respect and affection for him. If you write him, please give him my cordial regards. I also saw him frequently in Chengtu, and learned what a good cook your sister-in-law is when I had the privilege of eating in her home several times.

Your letter has been copied, and I have already set about endeavoring to find an opening for you here in the East. In the meantime, I hope you will allow me to make some suggestions. If I were you, I would get in touch with Hu Shih in Washington. It seems to me he should be in a position to assist you materially. At least, he would give you better wisdom than I possess.

I do not know if it would be possible for you to secure a position in our Federal Service, but if this can be done, your best bet would probably be either in the G-2, or Intelligence Division of the Army, or the Far Eastern Division of the State Department. There are good reasons why you should not use my name in this connection, but I can advise you concerning the persons to approach. You should write to:

Colonel W. E. Crist  
Military Intelligence Division G-2  
Department of War  
Washington, D. C.

concerning the possibility of serving in that field, and to:

Mr. Maxwell Hamilton  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.



Mr. Cheng Ch'eng-k'um

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March 16, 1942

regarding possibilities of serving in the State Department.

You will realize that Washington is at present extremely wary in its dealings with Orientals, because of the war situation, and I hope you will not consider it either a personal insult or a reflection on our Chinese allies if you discover a certain reluctance to accept your services. Japanese espionage has unfortunately been very effective.

It has occurred to me that any applications you make will be strengthened by a list of your publications. As you know, rightly or wrongly, the published word is for some reason regarded with much greater esteem than any other.

Now that we have gotten in touch with each other again, I hope we will continue to keep each other informed of our where-a-bouts, and our doings, regardless of whether or not you come to the Eastern states. Please do not hesitate to let me know at any time if there is anything you think I might be able to do for you.

I am very sorry to hear that your family is caught in Hongkong. Perhaps I can understand how you feel, because six of my family are in Fukien and my brother is an officer in the United States Army Air Corps, stationed somewhere in the South-eastern Pacific area.

I hope we will have a chance to get together some.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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March 27, 1942

Mr. Cheng Ch'ang-k'un  
University of Washington  
Department of Sociology  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Cheng:

A few days ago a young Chinese lady visited this office as a representative of the Coordinator of Information. That gave me an idea that you might possibly find a similar chance to serve both China and the United States if you were to apply to this organization. The address is 270 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. The work being done by the COI might vulgarly be called propaganda, but it is propaganda of a very high type.

If you decide to make an application, I hope you will feel free to use me as a reference. I shall be happy to do anything I can do further your application.

Please let me know how you are getting along in your plans for the coming year. I hope I will be seeing you soon in New York.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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March 31, 1942

The Director  
The Coordinator of Information  
270 Madison Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

With the war still raging hot in Western Pacific, I feel that, if permitted, I may be able to render greater service to the United States and China than what I am doing now. Therefore, I am taking the liberty of submitting this letter of application to you for consideration.

I was born and educated in China. I graduated from Yenching University in Peiping in June 1931 and was in the Graduate School there for one year after that. Between September 1932 and December 1933, I taught English in the National University of Shantung at Tsingtau in North China as lecturer in the College of Arts. In January 1934, I was asked to go to Shanghai to take charge of the monthly report which the China Branch of the International Labor Office was then making to its head-office at Geneva. From Shanghai I went to the University of Amoy in South China in September of the same year as assistant professor. I remained there for two years until the latter part of 1936 when I came to Seattle to work for my advanced degrees.

I received my Master's degree in August 1937 and for two years after that, I held a teaching fellowship in the Department of Sociology here while working for my Ph.D. I was elected to membership in Alpha Kappa Delta and Pi Sigma Alpha, national Sociology and political science honorary societies respectively.

In the summer of 1939 I went to Free China by way of Indo-china. For one whole year I travelled all the way down and up the Burma Road to the border of Burma in the Southwest and across the country to the Bend of the Yellow River in the northwest. All through that vast interior, I had the privilege of studying on the spot all phases of China's wartime reconstruction and reorganization. Between October 1940 and July 1941, while exploring the libraries in Chengtu for historical materials on Sino-Japanese relations, I was honorary professor in West China Union University.

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Previous to 1936, I had travelled quite extensively along the coast of China, in Japan, the Philippines and Singapore. And since 1934 a number of my articles (both Chinese and English) have been published in China and in this country. Right now I am writing RESILIENT CHINA, a book designed to acquaint the American reading public with the progress made by China while resisting aggression.

All these travels were financed by my family which had considerable investments in Amoy, Hongkong, and the Dutch East Indies. I have never had any affiliation to any political party, national or international. All these trips were made essentially for educational purposes.

Since my return last November, I have been teaching sociology in this university in the capacity of an associate(instructor). I am postponing writing my Doctor's dissertation to the end of the present conflict.

I am making this application at the suggestion of Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell who is a personal friend of mine and who was my colleague at the University of Amoy between 1934 and 1936. He is now connected with the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China with office at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Trusting this will receive your esteemed consideration.

Very respectfully yours,

Cheng Ch'eng-k'un.

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March 31, 1942

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Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Thank you very much for your two letters of the 16th and the 27th instant. I did not write to the Intelligence Division of the Army and the Department of State because I did not believe that I could work my way into either of them. However, I have written a letter of application to the Coordinator of Information in New York as you suggested. A copy will be enclosed in this letter for your reference.

I do not know if you have contacted colleges and universities in the East for me. If possible, I would rather remain in academic circles. The department of sociology here will need me next year as several instructors hither have already left or will be leaving soon. But somehow the work of teaching introductory sociology is getting awfully dull and monotonous. And I really believe that I can make a more worthwhile contribution by teaching Chinese language or courses on China. How about your Alma Mater, Oberlin College?

I have not heard from home as yet. The anxiety and suspense have made me fatalistic. I am not worrying about my folks anymore. But I am waiting for news from T'e-kun and his wife. I suspect if the Clippers are still operating between this country and China.

Thanking you again for your interests in my welfare. I do hope that good results will come from your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

*Cheng Cheng-kun*  
Cheng Ch'eng-k'un.

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April 6, 1942

Mr. Cheng Ch'eng-k'un  
University of Washington  
Department of Sociology  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Cheng:

Since receiving your last letter, an interesting proposition has come to my attention. Knox College, in Illinois, is starting an experiment next year. It would like to secure the services of an expert on Chinese culture to lecture during a period of twelve weeks on Chinese history, and her contributions to world civilization. For this service, they are prepared to pay \$1,000.

It has occurred to me that this is something you could do extremely well, and that it would pay you enough to enable you to spend some time in looking for a permanent connection. It has also occurred to me that if the proper person went to Knox, he might succeed in persuading the authorities to extend this lecture period to include the academic year. However, I have no reason whatsoever to believe that such is the case.

I would suggest, if you are interested, that you write immediately to Miss Elizabeth Jorsiek, United China Relief, 1790 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

In the meantime, I will do my best to help you get in touch with something worthwhile. However, I am not a popular alumnus of Oberlin College. Nothing which I could say would be of great assistance to you in securing a job there. In fact, I am completely without honor in my own country.

Please let me know whenever there is anything I can do for you.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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April 8, 1942

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Caldwell,

Many thanks for your letter of the 6th which reached me this morning. I have written a letter to Miss Elizabeth Jorzick as you suggested. A carbon copy will be enclosed for your reference. You will see that I make the application with the conviction that when it is accepted, the university authorities here will give me a leave of absence of three months. However, I still hope to be able to get a full-time job if I can find one.

The military situation in the Orient appears to have gone from bad to worse. I hope President Roosevelt will step in to help straighten out the Indian problem which is of vital importance to the general strategy of the Allied Nations. The British Government have made too many blunders in the past four months, and for that matter in the last ten years. We cannot afford to let them continue making more inexcusable blunders.

With best wishes to Mrs. Caldwell and yourself, and again thanking you.

Very sincerely yours,

*Cheng Cheng-kun*  
Cheng Ch'eng-k'un.

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April 8, 1942

Miss Elizabeth Jorstick  
United China Relief  
1790 Broadway  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Jorstick,

I have just received a letter from Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China urging me to apply for the lecturing position Knox College in Illinois is contemplating of sponsoring next year. Mr. Caldwell is a personal friend of mine and was my colleague at the University of Amoy in South China between 1934-36. He seems to think that, for an experimental course of that nature, an experienced lecturer should offer his services in the hope that further and wider interest in China and her civilization may be cultivated in this country. I am, therefore, writing this letter of application with the conviction that when definite arrangement is made with the authorities of Knox College, the university here will grant me a leave-of-absence of twelve weeks.

I was born and educated in China. I graduated from Yenching University in Peiping in June 1931 and was in the Graduate School there for one year. Between September 1932 and December 1933, I taught English in the National University of Shantung at Tsingtau in North China as lecturer in the College of Arts. In January 1934, I was asked to go to Shanghai to take charge of the monthly report which the China Branch of the International Labor Office was then making to its head-office at Geneva. From Shanghai I went to the University of Amoy in South China in September of the same year as assistant professor. I remained there for two years until the latter part of 1936 when I came to Seattle to work for my advanced degrees.

I received my Master's degree in August 1937 and for two years after that, I held a teaching fellowship in the Department of Sociology here while working for my Ph.D. I had planned to write my doctor's dissertation this next year, but it could be postponed for the duration of the war if there is something more worthwhile to be done. I was elected to membership in Alpha Kappa Delta and Pi Sigma Alpha, national Sociology and political science honorary societies respectively.

In the summer of 1939 I went to Free China by way of Indo-china. For one whole year I travelled all the way down and up the Burma Road to the Border of Burma in the Southwest and across the country to the Bend of the Yellow River in the Northwest. All through that vast interior, I had the privilege of studying on the spot all phases of China's wartime reconstruction and reorganization. Between October 1940 and July 1941, while exploring the libraries in Chengtu for historical materials on Sino-Japanese relations, I was honorary professor in West China Union University.

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Previous to 1936, I had travelled quite extensively along the coast of China, in Japan, the Philippines, and Singapore. And since 1934, a number of my articles (both Chinese and English) have been published in China and in this country. Right now I am writing RESILIENT CHINA, a book designed to acquaint the American reading public with the progress made by China while resisting aggression.

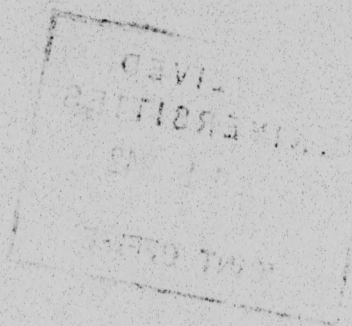
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I do not know just exactly what the plan of Knox College is, but, if necessary, I can map out a series of lectures which might constitute a tentative outline for the course in question.

Trusting this will receive your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

Cheng Ch'eng-k'un.





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Very truly yours,

Chang Ch'ang-k'uan.



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*Ack - 5-20-42*

May 18, 1942

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

I have not heard from you for more than a month and have been wondering if you have any good news for me. The university here has renewed my contract for the next academic year, but you know the reason which had prompted me to write you. I still do not want to be cramped here teaching introductory sociology. So I hope you have not taken it for granted that I am going to stick it out here.

I remember having enclosed you a copy of the letter I wrote to Miss Elizabeth Jorzick on your recommendation. So far, I have not heard from her, not even an acknowledgement of receipt. I wonder if the appointment has already been made in Knox College.

I understand that there is a general interest in Oriental studies in most of the colleges and universities in the East and the Middle West, especially after the December attack on Pearl Harbor. I have a feeling that there must be a place somewhere that I could fit in. Out here it is difficult to have the right contacts, but in your location and your position, I am sure you would have more opportunity to know "the rope." So please, keep me in mind. Some day I believe we will have a chance to meet. Thanking you for all you have done in my behalf, and wishing you the best of luck.

Very sincerely,

*E. K. Champ*

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May 20, 1942

Mr. C. K. Cheng  
University of Washington  
Department of Sociology  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Cheng:

It was pleasant to hear from you again this morning, and I am hastening to answer while the matter is fresh in my mind.

If I were you, I would write in some detail to Dr. B. A. Garfield, Vice-President of United China Relief, Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York, N. Y., and to Miss Pearl Bunk, President of the East and West Association, 40 East 49th Street, New York, N. Y. Both of these organizations are expanding rapidly, and I should think that you might have a chance to secure a position through one of them.

I would also write to the Coordinator of Information, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. It might be a good idea for that office to have your application on file, whether or not there is anything for you to do now.

I cannot understand why you have not heard from Miss Joralek. Did you write directly to Knox College? You are quite right that there is a general interest in Oriental studies in the East and in the Middle West, but the principal difficulty so far lies in the fact that the interest is vague and purposeless. There is a general desire to do something, and an equally general doubt concerning what should be done.

You may be certain that I will always be happy to help you in any way possible.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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October 11, 1942

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City  
New York

My dear Mr. Caldwell:

I heard from T'e-k'un sometime ago. Apparently he has been going through very trying days. The inflation in Free China must have been terrible. When I was there last year, my sister-in-law was spending some \$1,500 a month in order to maintain some semblance of decent living for the family. Of course, at that time remittances from home took care of the situation. But since the fall of Hongkong such remittances have been cut off. My brother and his family would have to live on the few hundred dollars he is making in the WestChina Union University, a job which I hardly consider worthwhile. You were there once, you ought to know Robertson and the Szechuen gang. One is paid in gold, the others all have one kind of landed property or another. Together, the two elements in the university politics there, have persistently refused to raise T'e-k'un's salary to even a subsistence level in spite of rather strong recommendation from Serge Ellissieff of the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

I am, therefore, thinking of remitting them some money. As I understand that the Bank of China in New York is the only <sup>out</sup> medium for such remittances, I do not know if you would be kind enough to find the necessary procedure for telegraph transfer. I understand that \$100 per month is all one can send out of the country. How much do I have to pay for the telegraph expenses? How could I know whether the telegram goes through? (The reason I ask about this is because I sent a wire sometime ago with reply collect and never got the answer) How long will it take for the money to get to the payee? Whether or not the money should be transferred in U.S. currency or in Chinese National Currency?

If it is not too much trouble, will you also inquire if a certain Mr. Chen Kwang-tsao (his wife is Frances Chen) is still working in the Bank of China. The Chens were our schoolmates at Yenching. I am sure if he is still there, he would certainly help to facilitate the remittance.

I am still here in the Sociology Department, but I may join the Office of War Information in San Francisco early next year. How have you been all this time? Best regards to Mrs. Caldwell and the family. Again thanking you.

Very sincerely yours,

*Ching-kun - Chen*

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October 13, 1942

Mr. Chang Ch'eng-k'un  
Department of Sociology  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Ch'eng-k'un:

I was glad to hear from you this morning, particularly so in view of the fact that I believe I can relieve your mind somewhat concerning your brother's situation in Chengtu. I believe I know quite a bit of the situation in which T'e-k'un finds himself and I can assure you that both this office and the Harvard-Yenching Institute have been working on the problem.

Two weeks ago at the request of the Institute Mr. Evans, our Acting Executive Director, sent T'e-k'un \$900 U. S. currency in the form of a salary bonus to augment his income from West China. This money was necessarily sent in care of the University, and I should be grateful if you would check for us to determine if it was actually delivered. Furthermore the Institute with our support insisted that the University raise T'e-k'un's salary very substantially for the current academic year. I do not remember the exact figure, but I do know that it is in the budget from the field, and that Robertson stated in a recent letter that the University was following the instructions given by the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

It seems to me quite unnecessary that you should send any money out at this time. We will always be happy to forward money for you when it is necessary, and I would suggest that you let us handle it rather than trusting it to commercial channels. But I think that T'e-k'un's needs for the present have been well taken care of by the additional grant of \$900 in gold.

I am glad to know your whereabouts, and I had been on the point of writing you to discover your plans for the year. I hope you do join the Office of War Information in San Francisco, as I believe you could be of great service. As for myself, I am expecting every day a call to active duty as a reserve officer.

Do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything I can do at any time to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York

Dear O. J.

Thank you very much for your letter which, I must say, brings me the first really good news in a long time. I had been quite worried about the difficult situation which confronted my brother. I had even written to Dr. Serge Elisseeff of the Harvard-Yenching Institute before I wrote to you. I hope the bonus was sent by telegraph transfer.

Also thanks for your offer to handle the remittance for me. Naturally, I rather have the money forwarded through your office than to trust it to any commercial firm. But I wish to know if the money can be transferred by telegram. I also wish to know how much will be the charges and how long will it take for such transfer.

I am entitled to send ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS home every month. This money may be deducted from my taxable income. If T'e-k'un won't need it, my family may need it some day. My wife and child were in Hongkong when I left. I have not heard from them since. My parents were in Hongkong too.

Upon hearing from you again, I shall send you a check enough to cover the remittance and charges for telegraph transfer. In case you are leaving shortly, will you make arrangement so that I can communicate with Mr. Evans or any other responsible person in your office.

Very sincerely yours,

*Cheng Kun*

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October 27, 1942

Mr. Chang Ch'eng-k'un  
Department of Sociology  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Ch'eng-k'un:

If you will send your checks to Mr. C. A. Evans in this office, he will include them with our regular remittances to the West China campus. There is customarily no charge for this service, which we are happy to provide for a few of our friends and staff members. If anything happens to change the present situation and it becomes necessary for us to make a charge, we shall let you know.

I am turning this matter to Mr. Evans because he handles all of our financial affairs. Furthermore, I am not at all sure that I will not be in government service before long.

Let me know if you hear anything from your family. I have warm memories of all of your kindred whom I have had the privilege of meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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November 5, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

*West China*

From Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell, I learn that you have kindly consented to transmit money for me to my brother, Cheng T'ie-k'un in Chengtu. I am enclosing herewith a check for U.S.\$100.00 and hope you will find it possible to include it in your next remittance to the West China campus.

If it is not too much to ask, I should like to know how long does it generally take for such transmission to get across.

In case it is necessary for me to pay a charge, I shall be very glad to do so.

Thank you very much for this great favor.

Very cordially yours,

*C. K. Cheng*  
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November 12, 1942

Mr. Chang Ch'ang-k'ua  
Department of Sociology  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Ch'ang-k'ua:

I am acknowledging your letter enclosing check for \$100.00 which will be included in our next remittance for West China and designated as a personal remittance to Chang Te-k'ua from you.

As these remittances are cabled, it is a matter of twenty-four hours before they are received in Chungku. It will be several days, however, before the next remittance is sent through.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am enclosing a check for U.S.\$100- for Cheng T'e-k'un in Chengtu. I hope you will include it in your next remittance to the West China Union University.

I have not heard from my brother since last summer and have been wondering if you can give me any information about him, his salary readjustment, and his family.

Thanking you for the favor.

Very sincerely yours,

*Cheng Cheng-kun*  
Cheng Ch'eng-k'un.

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February 10, 1943

Mr. Cheng Ch'eng-k'un  
University of Washington  
Department of Sociology  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Cheng:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of February 5th enclosing check for \$100.00 which has been credited to the West China Union University account and will be cabled with our next remittance.

Our office has had no news since last summer, although it is my impression that Dr. Elisseoff of the Harvard-Yenching Institute has heard from him. That letter, as I understand it, covered a review of his teaching and research assignment. It is also understood that he has been approached by Yenching University to join their reorganized unit in Chengtu. If this is the case he would secure a considerable advance in salary. At the insistence of the Institute, we rendered some help toward meeting some of the deficiencies of back salary.

I am sure, however, that this remittance from you will be deeply appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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February 20, 1943

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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City  
New York

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 10th with all the information about my brother.

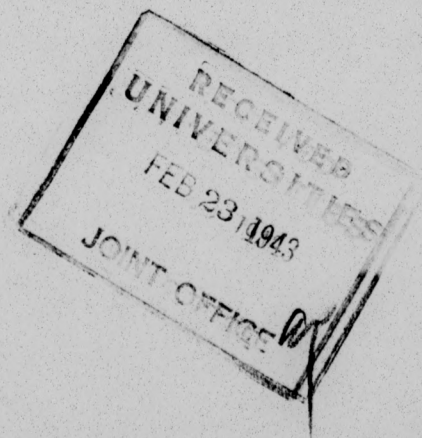
I wish to inform you that I have taken the liberty of using your name in my income tax blanks. In case you are asked by government agencies, will you kindly state that the money, as you understand it, was sent to my family through my brother. I am sure if T'e-k'un does not need it, he would do everything possible to send it to my wife in Hongkong.

Very sincerely yours,

*C. K. Cheng*  
Cheng Ch'eng-k'un.

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February 24, 1943

Mr. C. K. Cheng  
University of Washington  
Department of Sociology  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Cheng:

Replying to yours of February 20th, we are glad to act in any capacity possible in relation to your own problems. If any inquiries are made, we shall be very happy indeed to do our best for you.

With many thanks for letting us know, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 11, 1943

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Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Oliver:

I have just received a letter from Tek Khun. It is the first since last June. He does not mention about his having received the money I sent to him through your office last November and February. I am sure Mr. Evans cabled it together with the monthly remittances to West China campus. But wireless communication system might not be as efficient as we would like it to be. Will you kindly make inquiry about it for me? Also I would like to know if T'e-k'un could draw the money in check on the other end.

Trusting everything has been getting on fine with you and your family.  
Hoping to hear from you soon.

Very sincerely yours,

*Cheng Kun*

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May 14, 1943

Mr. Cheng-kun Cheng  
University of Washington  
Dept. of Sociology  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Cheng-kun:

Immediately on receiving your letter, I took the matter up with our Treasurer. According to our records, we cabled \$100.00 to T'e K'un on December 10, 1942, and again on March 29, 1943. In each case the money was part of larger remittances, which were cabled in care of Miss Elsie Priest, Chengtu, China. Covering letters followed the cables.

I find it difficult to explain what has happened, however, I believe you should advise your brother immediately to get in touch with Miss Priest. Perhaps she has been waiting for him to ask her for the money.

We are glad to render this service to our staff members, and are doing it regularly for several of our friends. There is no reason why the money should not get through promptly, although Miss Priest and her associates are exceedingly busy. They probably have overlooked this matter, but I am sure that it will be speedily cleared up if T'e K'un will call on Miss Priest's office.

I hope that you are well and happy and prosperous. There is no news to report concerning myself, other than the fact that I have received a commission in the Army Reserves, and am awaiting orders.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

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O. J. Caldwell

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July 7, 1944

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C.K. Cheng*

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City  
New York

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am thinking of sending some money to my brother, Cheng T'e-k'un in Chengtu. I would like to know if you can help in the remission as you did for me last year. Unless there are further changes, I understand the exchange rate has been doubled in favor of the American currency.

I have not heard from my brother since last November and am wondering if you could not give me some information concerning him and his family.

Has Oliver (Caldwell) ever gone into the armed service? I remember in his last letter he said that he was on the point of being drafted.

With my best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

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July 17, 1944

Dr. C. K. Cheng  
University of Washington  
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Seattle, Washington

Dear Dr. Cheng:

Your letter of July 7th came to hand promptly and in reply to an inquiry regarding your brother I am glad to say that I heard from him early in March. Of course he is facing the same critical condition that all people in China are experiencing and we are doing everything possible at this end to give them some assistance.

We are now able to operate through a bank account which combines all the resources of all of the eleemosynary institutions doing work in China. The rate of exchange is not fixed but it is the best amount which can be secured through the sale of drafts and checks in China under the guidance of the foreign control board. If you wish to send us your remittance we will deposit same early in August, with other funds which we hope to send out at that time.

Mr. Oliver Caldwell is now in China in Government service, he having entered the service a year ago. We have heard from him a number of times and he has seen a number of the old friends from Chengtu. The last letter we had from him indicated that he was located at Chungking.

Very sincerely yours,

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