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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
University Park  
Los Angeles

Office of Admissions

May 26, 1941.

Miss Chi-hsien Chou,  
Practice School,  
Yenching University,  
Peking West, China.

Dear Miss Chou,

Please find herewith Letters of Admission to the University of Southern California which you may show to our consular and immigration officers when you seek permission to enter the United States for the purpose of study.

We are holding a tuition scholarship for you which is in the form of credit not to exceed \$280 on your university tuition. Please do not take advantage of our Letters of Admission or the scholarship we are holding unless you are positive that you can meet all of your other expenses including incidental university fees, living expenses, and incidentals. We have no way of increasing our aid beyond the tuition allowance.

Please call at the Office of Admission as soon as convenient after your arrival in Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,

H.C. Willett (Signed)  
Director of Admissions

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*Mary Hutchinson*  
Secretary

Endorsed by

*J. Hightower*  
President, Yenching University

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
University Park  
Los Angeles

Office of Admissions

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Yenching University,  
Peking West, China.

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Director of Admissions

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Practice School  
Yenching University  
Peking, China  
July 3, 1941.

Gentlemen:

To comply with the recent regulation of the State Department in Washington, D.C. I submit the following biographical statement.

Although my parents are Southerners, I was born in Peking on November 9, 1916, and was reared in North China. At the age of twelve, I was sent to the Tientsin Keen School, a girls' high school of the Methodist Mission. After five years of study, I graduated and entered Yenching. By that time my interests were in education and the violin. Unfortunately there was no violin teacher in the department of music, so I entered the department of education and studied violin with a private teacher and a friend of my family, Mr. Joseph S. Oroop, who is now Conductor Stokowski's assistant and a violinist in the Philharmonic Orchestra of Los Angeles.

After I graduated from Yenching in June 23, 1937, I began to give private lessons and continued to study violin with Mr. Oroop. Both Mr. and Mrs. Oroop liked me so much that they adopted me as their god-daughter. Before they left for Los Angeles in July, 1938 they said they would help me to achieve a scholarship from a university near their home so that I could stay with them and at the same time study for my master's degree in education.

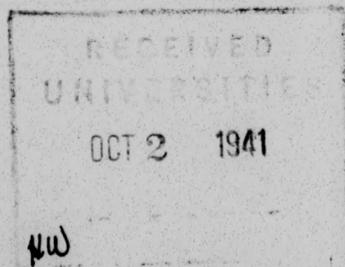
In October 1938 I taught English in Bridgman High School and in September of the next year I taught violin in Fu Jen Girls' College. In July, 1940, I accepted the offer to be the dean of the Practice School of Yenching University with the added responsibility of managing nine grades, and so I am here now.

In November, 1940, I wrote letters to apply for a scholarship from the University of Southern California which is very near the house of Mr. and Mrs. Oroop, and on June 31, 1941, I received word from the university saying that I would be granted a tuition scholarship of \$280 for the year 1941 - 1942. Since my parents will provide my travelling expenses and incidental fees and my god-parents who will write you soon to confirm the fact, will provide me free room and board, I hope I am financially qualified for studying abroad. With good health as the university doctor claims I have and with the formal letter of acceptance from the university of Southern California I hope I will be fortunate enough to obtain my passport.

Sincerely yours,

*Chi-hsien Chou*

Chi-hsien Chou



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Practice School  
Yenching University  
Peking, China  
July 3, 1941.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Oroop whom I refer to in my biographical statement will write you in a few days. Will you please kindly wait for their letter before you get in touch with the State Department?

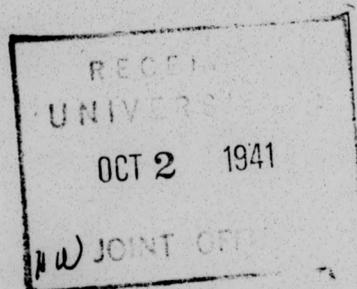
I wish to thank you in advance for your kind assistance.

Very truly yours,

*Chi-hsien Chou*

Chi-hsien Chou

Mr. C.A. Evans  
Yenching University Office  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N.Y.



學大京燕  
YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 7, 1941

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

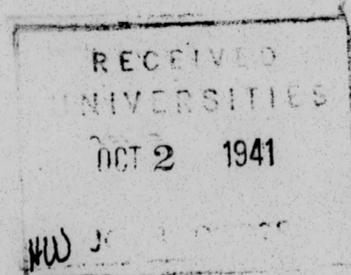
Here is another request about one of our people who wants to study in America next winter and who must have permission from our State Department.

Miss Chou Chi-hsien has been teaching in our Practice School for the past year. She graduated from Yenching in 1937. I think the attached information about her is complete. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Croop, who will provide her board and room in California, will write you soon to guarantee their sponsorship. Will you please furnish the second needed affidavit and send these two, together with her biographical sketch, to the State Department? When you hear from the State Department, please cable us their decision.

Thank you for your assistance in all of this extra "red tape" now connected with foreign travel.

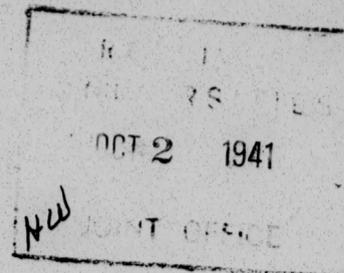
Sincerely yours,

Mary Hutchinson



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Practice School  
Yenching University  
Peking, China

July 14, 1941

Dear Mr. Evans:

Enclosed please find a statement of bank guaranty, a copy of letter of admission from the University of Southern California, a copy of personal letter assuring a scholarship of US\$280 from the same institution, and a statement guaranteeing physical fitness from the college physician of Yenching University.

All the above-mentioned documents, plus the biographical statement and the two photographs which were sent you in a previous letter, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Croop's affidavit ~~letter~~ assuring their responsibility for my room and board (which I believe will be sent you soon), -- I hope will constitute sufficient evidence for granting me a passport to the United States.

Very truly yours,

*Chi-hsien Chou*

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Chi-hsien Chou

Mr. C. A. Evans  
Yenching University Office  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

**P.S. Please send affidavit of sponsorship to the State Department in Washington and request that the approval for visa be cabled at my expense directly to the American Consul General in Tientsin.**

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July 12th,

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The American Consul-General,  
Victoria Road,  
Tientsin.

Dear Sir:

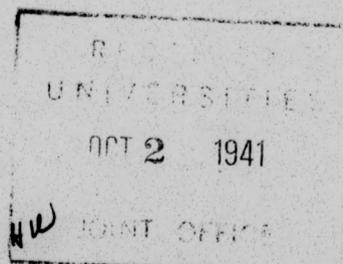
This is to certify that Miss Chi-hsien Chou, a graduate of Yenching University, Peiping, and until recently dean of the Practice School of the Department of Education of the same institution, has been awarded a scholarship by the Graduate School of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and that apart from the scholarship her parents have made adequate financial provision for her to spend at least two years in America and return to China.

In case she should be unable to return to China owing to lack of funds, we will be responsible for the repayment of the money that may be incurred for sending her back.

Yours faithfully,

For CHUNG TUNG UNION BANK

*[Handwritten Signature]*



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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, California, United States of America

Letter of Admission  
(Foreign Students)

Date May 26, 1941

To Consular Officers of the United States Government,  
and to Others Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Chi-hsien Chou  
whose home address is Yenching University, Peking West, China

has applied for admission to THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A., an institution approved by the United States Government for the reception of students from foreign countries, and has presented papers in this office indicating that she was born on Nov. 9, 1916 at Peking, China

and that she graduated from Yenching University on June, 1937

On the basis of evidence presented in credentials on file, the above named student-applicant is granted admission to THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA for the semester beginning September, 1941, provided the applicant has sufficient command of the English language of enable her to carry university courses conducted in the English language.

Respectfully yours,

H.C. Willett (Signed)  
Director of Admissions

Copied by

Mary Hutchinson  
Secretary

Endorsed by

Keightley  
President, Yenching University

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, California, United States of America

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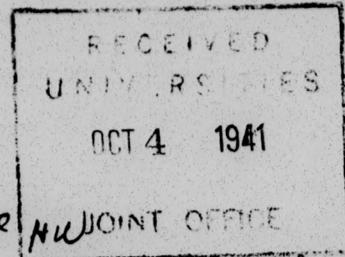
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J. OROOP  
560 N. Arden Blvd.  
Los Angeles,  
Calif.

Oct. 2, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans

Yenching University Office  
New York, N.Y.



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Dear Sir,

I am sending a affidavit  
required to assure you of my  
willingness to provide Miss Minta  
Chi-hsien Chou room and board  
as long as she will study at  
University of Southern California.

I can not call myself  
Mr. L. Stokowski's assistant - but  
since Decemb. 1938 I am doing  
for him some musical works  
during his stay in Hollywood, Calif.

Please let me know, if you  
need another copy of the

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affidavit.

I will be happy and  
thankfull if my offer will  
be accepted.

Sincerely yours

Joseph Oroop

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October 2nd, 1941

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that + Joseph Oroop am financial able and willing to look after feed and cloth Minta Chi-hsien Chow, while she is attending The University Of Souther California, at no expense to her-

I own my own home located at #560 N. Arden Boulevard, subject to a 1st Tr. Deed in amount of Approx. \$3,000 payable \$45. per month at time of purchase I made a CASH payment of \$1,000

Have been a resident of Los Angeles, Calif since July 1938 and have taken out my 1st papers to become a citizen on Nov. 17th, -38 in looking up record + find three different numbers on 1st-papers as follows, (think the 1st one is the one you will want) 1st-W 88492 #23-65151 #24592

My income is from my Studio of Music which in 1940 was \$300. per month, but this year will average some what less I also have employment from time to time at the Motion Picture Studios and from this work and from my studio I am positive of a monthly income of \$200.

My family consist of Self Wife and 11 Year old Daughter , We all enjoy the best of health

The 1st, Tr. Deed mentioned above is my only obligation

*Joseph Oroop*  
Joseph Oroop

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

On this 2nd, day of October in the year Nineteen Hundred Forty-One A.D. Before me, The Undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the said County of Los Angeles, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Joseph Oroop personally known to me to be the person whos name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in said County the day and year in this certificate first above written

*Guy M. Bunch*  
Notary Public in and for Los Angeles  
County, State of California

My Commission Expires March 13, 1945.

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Year	Killed	Injured	Economic Loss
1922.....	19,208	576,090	\$484,875,750
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1924.....	23,291	698,730	588,097,750
1925.....	24,462	738,860	617,665,500
1926.....	25,802	759,060	638,875,500
Toll.....	114,879	3,446,370	\$2,900,694,750

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Yenching University  
Peiping, China.

OFFICE OF THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE PHYSICIAN

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Miss Chou Chi Hsien

Physical examination: 5/21/41  
Height: 60.4 inches.  
Weight: 107 lbs.  
General appearance: Good.  
Skin: Clear, dark.  
Eyes: wearing glasses, short-sighted.  
Ears: }  
nose: } 0-  
Throat: }  
Teeth: Good.  
Thyroid: slightly full.  
Lymph glands: 0-  
Lungs: Normal to percussion and auscultation, fluor. O.K.  
Heart: pulse 78, blood pr. 105/55, no murmur.

WOMEN'S INFIRMARY  
YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEKING, CHINA.  
燕京大學  
醫學院  
女醫室

燕京大學  
Yenching University  
Peking, China.

OFFICE OF THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE PHYSICIAN

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Posture: good.

Abdomen: firm, digesting, good.

Menstruation: 28/5, no pain.

Urine: negative, feces: negative.

Blood test: Hb. 13 gr. W.B.C. 7300,

R.B.C. 4730000.

I hereby certify that Miss Chou  
Chi-hsien is perfectly well and  
healthy.

*Grete Singer*  
Grete Singer.

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Biology, University  
of Tokyo, Hongo, Tokyo

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Chou Ching-Fu

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Urbana, Illinois,  
March 2, 1921.

Student Volunteer Movement,  
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This will introduce to you Mr. Ching-fu Chow, a Chinese student, who has been a regularly registered student in the College of Agriculture for the past four years during which time he has done good conscientious work. He grades will give him a high average among the graduating class of this year. In addition to taking the regular technical agriculture he has elected such subjects in education as public speaking, political science, sociology. He is a young man of excellent address and a leader among his associates as is evidenced by the fact that he has been selected as President of the Cosmopolitan Club for the current semester.

He is a high class gentlemen and will give thorough and conscientious service in any position which he undertakes to fill. I am afforded the pleasure of giving this letter of recommendation as he has proven to be the type of a foreign student that reflects credit on all concerned,

Yours very truly,

Fred H. Rankin

Assistant Dean of the  
College of Agriculture.

CHADDOCK BOYS SCHOOL

Quincy, Illinois.

March 4, 1921.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I find great pleasure in recommending Mr. C. F. Chow to the favorable consideration of anyone called upon to select young men for responsible place of leadership.

Mr. Chow was connected with Chaddock Boys School for seven years. His record in that school is a very fine one. He was the leader of athletics, including tennis, base ball and soccer ball. He was also champion on the race track and in other athletic events. He was the leader of our band, handling the connet very creditably.

Mr. Chow took great interest in all the work connected with the buildings and grounds. Very early he became definitely any very especially interested along agricultural lines. He was an excellent student, and altogether, left a very enviable record here.

We have followed him with great interest through his course in the Illinois State University. He is an earnest, energetic Christian young man who can be depended upon.

Yours very truly,

Eva. C. Fields,

Superintendent.

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C. F. Chou.

907 South Sixth Street  
Champaign, Illinois,  
March 7, 1921.

Dr. Leighton Stuart,  
Peking University,  
Peking, China.

Mr. Frank W. Price, associate secretary of the Chinese Students' Christian Association of North America, is here at the University of Illinois this week for the "China for Christ Movement", and he has asked me to write you concerning positions at your University.

I came to America from Tientsin eleven years ago. While in America, I received my grade school and high school education at Chaddock Boys' School, Quincy, Illinois. Upon completing my high school education, I entered the University of Illinois and am taking a course in agriculture. I expect to finish my work and get my degree this June.

I am very much interested in athletics, having been fortunate in making the varsity team here. As I have taken a course in Athletic Coaching, I would like to do some work along this line together with my teaching.

Enclosed you will find several recommendations. Mr. Price will write you.

Please give me the desired information at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

C. F. Chou

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April 11, 1921

Mr. C. F. Chow,  
907 South 8th Street,  
Champaign, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Chow:

Through Mr. F. W. Price I have heard of your being at the University of Illinois, and I am delighted to hear that you are looking forward to going into Christian service in China. Mr. Price on March 19th also wrote to Dr. Leighton Stuart, and I am hoping that within a few weeks we shall hear from him.

Both your studies in agriculture and your interest in athletics are items which are very important just at the present time at Peking University. I should be glad to hear from you about your work, and what your plans are. Will you be returning to China in July?

I am to be in Chicago between May 8th and 18th. Is there any likelihood of your being there? It is possible that I may get down to Champaign for a day, and if I can do this, I should count on seeing you.

With all best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

H.W.L.W

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PEKING UNIVERSITY  
PEKING, CHINA.

April 20, 1921.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. C. F. Chou,  
907 South Sixth Street,  
Champaign, Ill.

Dear Mr. Chou:

Absence from the city has prevented my answering your letter more promptly. I hasten to assure you, however, that we here are greatly interested in your application. We are anxious to secure as many Chinese on our faculty as possible and to make the institution one in which Chinese and Westerners work together as colleagues, with equal rights and responsibilities, for the welfare of China. We are in need of a Physical Director and have asked our Board of Managers to secure one for us. We are also starting a Department of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry although this feature which is entirely maintained by Chinese funds is not at this writing in a position to add additional members to the present staff. I note with interest that you have also taken special work in Public speaking which is another subject in which we need help. My confident expectation is that when the Animal Husbandry Course becomes better known and organized there will be a demand for increasing the staff. I am sending copies of your letter and the recommendations accompanying it to Dr. H. W. Luce, Vice-President of the University, whose address is c/o Office of Peking University, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City. If you do not hear from him promptly it might be well for you to communicate with him to avoid any further delay. I have not heard from Mr. Frank Price yet but anyone whom he recommends would be favorably considered by his friends.

Very sincerely yours,

*J. Hightower Stuart*

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CORDA FRATRES  
ASSOCIATION OF COSMOPOLITAN CLUBS  
ILLINOIS CHAPTER  
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

907 S 6th St.  
May 2, 1921.

Dr. Luce,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Luce:

Mr. & Mrs. Price have written to me about you, so when your letter came, I felt as if I already knew you. Mr. Price said in his letter that Dr. Stuart, is not coming to the States until October, according to last letters from China. If this is the case, I may see him in Peking before he leaves. As I am planning to sail in July, so I will have plenty of time to thank you ever so much for the life of Corda Fratres. I was very much interested in seeing it.

I was glad to hear that you are planning to be in Chicago between May 8-18. I told some of the business boys of your visit, they asked me to write you to come down Champaign to see us. Please drop me a line about your coming, I will be at the station to meet you. With best wishes,  
Sincerely yours, J. F. Tubb.

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QUINCY, ILLINOIS

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MRS. EVA C. FIELDS, SUPERINTENDENT

June 28<sup>m</sup>1921

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Dr. Henry W. Luce  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Luce:

I was very sorry to learn that your schedule has suddenly been changed. I had everything arranged for you to come down to Illinois to see our fine group of Chinese students and to have you give us a talk. You probably have heard that we had the largest enrollment of Chinese students in the history of the University. Nevertheless with such a large number, I really enjoyed in presiding over our meetings.

Last month I received a letter from President J. Leighton Stuart of Peking University who advised me to write to you in New York City. I am enclosing Dr. Stuart's letter to you.

I have secured my passage on <sup>the</sup> Empress of Russia, which sails from Vancouver on July 21st. I am at present staying here visiting some of my former friends. I am planning to leave here on July 10th or 11th, stopping over in Spokane for a few days to see Dr. Lilburn Merrill, who brought me over to this <sup>country</sup> 21 years ago. He is at present the Superintendent of the Custodial School at Medcal Lake, about 20 miles from Spokane.

I am planning to be in Changli to see my dear old mother by the middle of August; "HOME SWEET HOME" again. I am planning to see Dr. Stuart soon after my arrival. I am going to write him a letter right after I have finished yours. Also am going to drop a note to my good friend Mr. Frank Price.

I read the "Peking News" with the greatest interest. Thank you ever so much for sending it. You probably know that my father was a former graduate of the old Peking University, and also was my older brother. I have also attended the Preparatory School of the old School. So naturally I am interested in the School.

I want to thank you for what you have <sup>done</sup> ~~to do~~ for me. You will hear from me after I get back to China.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours

*S. F. Shou*

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
Peping China

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
AND SOCIAL WORK

Mar. 20, 1930

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Dr. J. L. Stuart  
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Mr. R. H. Ritter

Dear Friends:

I am writing you briefly regarding Mr. C. F. Chou's work. As you know, Mr. Chou joined Yenching University in order to develop the student work which was carried on so successfully by Mr. Ritter. However, at present, the University in general does not quite understand what Mr. Chou is doing and there are not a few who think that his work is not important. For this reason, he is somewhat discouraged.

In a proposal for an independent Students Service Bureau presented to the Faculty Executive Committee in January 1929, I pointed out the importance of student welfare work; and I still hope that Yenching University will do as much along this line as is being done in Yale and other places. Some of us have felt that the academic side of Yenching has developed more rapidly than the welfare side; and that the University seems to have paid altogether too little attention to welfare problems.

I heard indirectly that there has been a reduction of the budget for Mr. Chou's office for next year; and that it looks as though this office will either be abolished ultimately or its importance be deminished. I hope, however, this will not be the case.

Mr. Chou seems to be very successful in his work. Last year, we all considered that Mr. Chou was one among many candidates who would make good in the office and now time has proved that our selection was right.

In case his work does not take full time, would it be possible to have him to help in the Agricultural Experiment Station? In this way, both the Agricultural Experiment Station and the student work will be benefited.

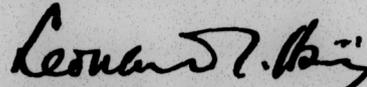
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I make this suggestion because I hear that the Agricultural Experiment work in Yenching also needs responsible help and that Mr. Chou will be good in it. But the most important thing is to give Mr. Chou the fullest opportunity to develop the student work which seems to me a vital part in Yenching's educational program.

Since I was one of those who originally urged Mr. Chou to come to Yenching, I feel I am duty bound to write this letter both for the good of Yenching as well as for the task which we all had hoped to develop into something of considerable importance.

Very sincerely yours,



(Leonard S. Hsu)

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C. F. Chou

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HATTIE M. STRONG FOUNDATION  
Incorporated  
Suite 809 Hill Building  
839 17th Street Northwest  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 24, 1930

Mr. Richard H. Ritter,  
457 Washington Avenue,  
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Dick:

I realize that you are doubtless still abroad but I am writing this to you at any rate in the hope that you will sometime receive it.

I had quite a talk with my mother regarding the project which you mentioned, and I find that she feels quite strongly that she is doing at the present time, her full share toward Yenching University. I can sympathize with her view point, especially in view of the important work which is being done by the foundation, with the result that I did not attempt to use strong arm methods. The outcome was that she would be willing to give \$1000.00 for the first year only with the idea that during the interim you would have an opportunity of locating someone else to carry the work on from that point. I am sorry that I was not more successful, but I am sure that you understand our position, especially after your visit to the office. Please let me know as soon as possible when and how you would like to receive this payment.

It was a very great pleasure to see you again after all these years and to pick up the threads of our school days. The old gang has certainly been scattered to the four winds since that time. When you get back from Europe, we all hope that you and your good wife will have time to pay us at least a visit. We are fairly well settled in our new house now and will have excellent accommodations for guests. Think it over.

With kindest regards, as always.

CORRIN  
L. Corrin Strong  
President

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Note: From Mrs. Ritter who forwarded us Mr. Strong's original letter;  
"Please return at earliest time convenient. Send to Mrs. Richard H. Ritter please."

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April 28, 1930.

Prof. Leonard S. Hsu,  
Yenching University,  
Peping, China.

Dear Prof. Hsu:

In the absence of Dr. Stuart I am replying to your letter of March 20 addressed jointly to him and to Dr. Galt and Mr. Ritter. Just now Mr. Ritter is in Europe or he would himself personally write you. Perhaps you may have sent him a special copy of this letter.

Mr. Ritter some time ago made an earnest effort to secure the salary of Mr. Chou for a period of five years. He was not successful at that time in getting a pledge for the whole period of five years, but he did secure the salary for one year. We have splendid prospects from another source of securing the salary for the remaining four years.

I think you may assure Professor Chou that this matter will be properly taken care of.

It is undoubtedly increasingly difficult to secure funds in America. There are so many appeals that people almost hide away from persons coming to ask for money. We are, however, getting our methods more and more scientifically organized. I hope that in the course of the next few years we shall be even more successful than in the past. Yenching has secured far more money in the last few years than any other Christian University in China.

With every good wish to you and Mrs. Hsu, I remain

Cordially yours,

Olin D. Wannemaker  
Assistant to the President

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L. I. Chou  
Salary

Yenching University  
New York

May 19, 1930  
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for previous memos &  
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Memorandum to Mr. Garside:

The situation with reference to the salary of Mr. Chou now stands as follows:

The Hattie M. Strong Foundation- or perhaps I ought to say Mrs. Strong herself in person - has pledged and has paid \$1,000 toward the salary of Mr. Chou. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ritter now definitely promise to add \$200 to the salary for the year beginning July 1, 1930 and to pay \$1,200 to cover the salary of Mr. Chou for the following collegiate year. In the note making this statement Mrs. Ritter says with regard to the \$ 1,200 for next year "if that much is needed for the complete salary."

We ought, <sup>in</sup> remind her in regard to this matter a year later, be quite certain that we do not ask for more than the salary as this would create an unfortunate impression. Please make note of this fact so that we may have the exact information necessary in ample time before communicating with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ritter next year.

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*C. F. Chou*

Excerpt from letter dated May 22, 1930, to Dr.  
Stuart from Howard S. Galt

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"I have today to report that Mr. C. F. Chou has resigned. He was offered, and has accepted, some position at Tangshan, I believe in connection with the Kai Ian Mining Administration, involving work in his own specialty, Agriculture. His action was rather sudden, for he evidently had received and accepted the other invitation before sending any communication either to the Chancellor or myself. With the concurrence of the General Faculty Executive, we followed the usual procedure in trying to retain him, but without success. I am not quite sure of all the motives back of his resignation. Possibly he has not been made to feel as important in our Yenching work as he expected. In this connection there is quite a long story about the present status of the Committee on Student Welfare, which I cannot take time to relate in detail. In rough outline the facts are as follows:

When we were working on the budget last winter we became more and more impressed with the close relationship between the Student Self-help Committee and the Committee on Student Welfare, especially in the personnel, Messrs. Ma and Chou being closely connected with both. Their offices were side by side, they were asking for considerable funds for office expenditures and for clerical help. As we saw the situation at that time, we thought that both efficiency and economy would be promoted by combining the two in one general committee. This seemed to us to give Chou a still larger scope for the exercise of his abilities. But before the plan could be carried out (this of course was not contemplated until the next fiscal year) a considerable change in the Student Welfare Committee has taken place. The Chancellor has become gradually dissatisfied with Mr. Ma's handling of the matters, and he told me not many weeks ago that he had in mind taking a larger share in that work himself during the next academic year, and would expect to use Chou as a right-hand man for that purpose. A fortnight or so ago, feeling that the Chancellor was somewhat critical toward him, Mr. Ma resigned. The Chancellor's plan for next year has, therefore, been put into effect in its main features now. He is acting as Chairman of the Student Welfare Committee, with Chou as a very helpful secretary, and with the Deans taking a larger responsibility. This last feature is one fundamental in the Chancellor's policy, and I think is quite sound, in view of the Deans' relation to the students in our present organization. It has been the general thought that the Welfare Committee would continue next year very much as organized now, but if Chou drops out someone will have to be brought in, and it is the Chancellor's plan to use Messrs. Chuan and T. T. Low in different aspects of the work. We hope the new plans will work out satisfactorily. Whether in these various changes there has been an element of dissatisfaction for Chou, which has contributed to his resignation or not, I am not able to say. Nothing of the kind has appeared on the surface, so far as I know. I have not taken much of a hand in these matters, being too busy with other matters, and feeling confidence in the Chancellor's ability to handle the whole situation.

In this connection, may we inquire regarding the contribution of \$1,000.00 per year for five years for C. F. Chou's salary, as reported by cable April 15th. The cable message was decoded by us here as Mexican \$1,000.00. The confirmation copy received from New York on yesterday's mail says G\$1,000.00. Our secretaries have examined more carefully the code work, and report that evidently a mistake was made, for the code symbol used to denote the \$1,000.00 was in the column marked "Chinese Cash". This being the case, Mr. Ha interpreted it as L. C. \$1,000.00. The English version of the confirmation copy says G\$1,000.00, so we presume that this is correct.

*B.A. wrote May 22. that this gift is only for 2 yrs -*

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We feel quite sure that both you and Mr. Ritter, like ourselves, will be disappointed at Chou's resignation. We are wondering whether the terms of the contribution are such that the money can be used for a successor for him or for some related purpose. No doubt either you or Mr. Ritter will wish to look into the matter, so I wished to write thus before you left New York."

C. F. Chou

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
Peping, China

May 26, 1930

Mr. Chou has resigned

Mr. R. H. Ritter *x to ✓*  
457 Washington Avenue  
Brooklyn, N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Ritter:

Mr. C. F. Chou showed to me his letter addressed to you dated April 12th. In that letter, he mentioned, "Regarding my salary, I had an understanding with Dr. Leonard Hsu before I join Yenching that my salary for the first year would be \$250 a month, the second year \$275, and the third year \$300, with the prospect of going to America for further study on student loans, scholarships and self help work." *met*

I never had such an understanding. According to the general practice in the University, salaries increase gradually with the length of service in the University. This is the general regulation and is applied to all. Many people know also that members of faculty of Yenching University have opportunities of going abroad for further study or research. Such work is usually arranged according to individual cases. I am afraid Mr. C. F. Chou has misunderstood this point. For the interest of accuracy, I am making this correction. I saw Mr. Chou today and he thought he has misunderstood also.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Chou.

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD HSU

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C. F. Cho.

Yenching University  
New York

Re: C.F. Chou

July 10, 1930

Memorandum to Mr. Evans:

I am not sure whether you have on file information from us that Mr. L. Corrin Strong wrote us on June 7th authorizing us to apply the \$1,000 given by his mother for Mr. Chou to anyone else assigned to do the work left by Mr. Chou.

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(Mr. & Mrs. C. F. Chou)

## IMPRESSIONS GAINED IN PEIPING BY FORMER GOVERNOR OF HAWAII

### "Scaling Stonewall In Face Of Machine Gun Fire Nothing Compared To Bridging Gap Between Lama Temple And Tsing Hua"

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Chou called today morning to visit the Lama Temple, the Summer Palace, lunch as guests of Miss Anna McBille of Tsing Hua university and an afternoon visiting the buildings and grounds of Yenching and the Tsing Hua Indemnity university near by.

#### Old Honolulu Friends

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#### Boating on the Lake

Adjoining the marble boat is a cover for the gaily decorated barges, sunk in shallow water, wrecks. A group of Chinese boatmen have a modern craft of Chinese construction to take passengers across the lake, now partly covered with ice. Follow the course of the royal family and the barge propelled by four husky boatmen carries across to the library pavilion where the emperor was wont to go and improve his mind when sent there by the empress. The barge is over one of the camel-back bridges that are a feature of the grounds. Marble railing of the bridge is studded at regular intervals with figures of temple dogs. Each one different from the other in some respect. A short way along the shore, the bronze cow keeps a lonely though alert vigil, looking toward the Western hills in the general

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Money was poured in millions for the late empress dowager to build a navy to protect the honor of the empire of China. And she spent it on a summer palace, with an artificial lake, and a marble boat or barge ornately adorned from which light draft boats went forth to float in the shallow lotus flowered waters.

No wonder China was ripe for a revolution. But what of the mental make up of a ruler who could do such a thing and of the satellites who sat

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This summer palace is now a summer park and resort. Here and there signs appear not there in the days of the empire — "restaurant" and "cold drinks" and "cigarettes."

On up the steps, around the turns, through the doors that lead to the temple of everlasting life. There on a shelf at the left is a can of blue label, "Plantation" brand Hawaiian pineapple. The labels are printed in the *Star-Bulletin* lithograph plant. Everyone who eats Hawaiian pineapple ought to live forever.

That's what comes of building temples of heaven and temples of everlasting life with physical piles of marble, tile and stone rather than in the souls and lives of fellow men.

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of a room closed to visitors is to be seen the life size portrait of the queen dowager painted by a Chicago woman. She was rather good looking. Had she turned her thoughts to useful things, the present day soul of China just outside might be interested in something more than how to sell Hawaiian pineapple, California peaches and [Name] tourists [Name] how foolish on a grand scale a mortal may be.

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### Massive Waste

The summer palace is a massive monument to massive waste. The marble [Name] that [Name] easily at the stern of the marble boat steers nowhere.

### Palace to University

How pleasant then to move out of the courtyard of this royal pile of folly to the universities where human effort and money as made available is being devoted to the training of youth to thrive and produce something of value and help to others than themselves.

### Thanksgiving Group

This is the group that sat down to what was called a second Thanksgiving dinner on Friday, November 29, as the guests of Miss Bille in her apartments. Clara Chung,

C. F. Chow

graduate of McKinley high and university of Hawaii and now librarian at Yenching; Hin Wong, graduate of Punahou, now head of the department of journalism at Yenching; Howard Lam, McKinley high, now Yenching student; George R. Loehr, once with Nuuanu "Y", now teacher at Yenching; Fook Tan Ching, McKinley and U. of H. now professor of literature at Hua University; Samuel Ching, "half-Hawaiian" husband of Mrs. Jessie Ching Chou, Punahou; Samuel Ching, McKinley high, now Yenching; Philip Ho, McKinley high '26, now student at Yenching in course of economics and business administration; the Galen

Weavers and the Farringtons.

A very happy party with everything complete except the return of the football game results. The last heard was from Dr. Lam, who with Mrs. Lam passed through a few days previous. All his reports were in favor of St. Louis college.

Tsing Hua and Yenching are in such close proximity that it was a pleasant surprise to find for the first time in the city of Fook Tan Ching and Philip Ho.

Ancient Art Applied

Yenching university well holds the reputation of possessing the most beautiful campus in the Orient. Architect Mur-

phy by adapting the spirit of the temples to practical buildings gained the reputation that led to his selection as the architect for the structures of the new capital at Nanking. The temple roof and the ever-present representation of clouds appropriate to the Temple of Heaven are found in the buildings. The buildings are designed to give individuality for each building.

Unified Christianity

At Yenching the wealth of good will from many sources is shown. Here sectarianism of the Christian faith has united to make a vigorous college, going forward to practical

instruction on the basis of common faith rather than seeking fine divisions on peculiarities of interpretation. The Yenching College for Women is now a part of the university with problems of co-education and progress coming in to give vitality and variety to the educational institution. Like every educational institution Yenching has plans for growth not yet fulfilled, and more demands made upon it than can be met with present equipment. The ever-present growing pains of a university doing its work well.

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February 2, 1921

Mr. Fu-chuan Chow,  
441 Sims Hall,  
Syracuse University,  
Syracuse, New York.

My dear Mr. Chow:

I wonder if I have sent you the illustrated pamphlet regarding Peking? If not, and if you will send me your address, I should be most happy to send you a copy. I should also be glad to know what your plans are for the future.

If ever you come to New York, I hope you will give us the privilege of greeting you here.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

HVL.W

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441 Sims Hall  
Syracuse, N.Y.

Feb. 5, 1921.

Dr. H. W. Luce  
Vice President of Peking University  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Luce:

I was greatly pleased to have received your letter of Feb. 2 for which I thank you very much indeed because of your kindness in writing to me and in sending to me gladly a copy of the illustrated pamphlet if I haven't yet received one. Please do so because I haven't received any yet sent

Certainly whenever I should be in New York City again I would call at your office and visit you in person.

Regarding your question about my future plans, when I go back home this coming summer, I should say though it is still not definitely decided, that I have to choose between the two positions, either

to resume my work in Peking Academy or  
to work with Dr. Semmell at Shanghai.

At present time I am awfully busy in  
writing my thesis on the Universal Education  
in China and I wish, if you have time, to  
get your valuable suggestions and advi-  
ces on the subject.

One thing I am greatly in need of your  
latest statistics for missionary colleges,  
both for men and women.

I have received some government  
reports on the government schools  
but they are also incomplete and no  
latest reports on statistics.

If you could help me in  
any way on this, I shall be much  
obliged.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Fu Chüan ~~Chuan~~  
Chou

March 11, 1921

Mr. Fu Chuan Chow, *(OK for name)*  
441 Sims Hall,  
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Chow:

Your name in your last letter was signed "Chuan", and I am wondering if we have made a mistake.

Under another cover on this mail I am sending you some statistics on Christian middle schools in China which I have prepared. I do not know whether they will meet your need, but I send them hoping that they will. When you are through with the pamphlets that I send on the these middle schools, will you kindly return them to me?

I did not know that you had definitely in mind returning either to Peking Academy or to Shantung. I had hopes that we might have you in this University. The opportunity is very great in Peking at the present time.

I should appreciate it very much if you would send me the names and addresses of any of our students whom you may know of who are now in this country from Peking University.

With all best wishes, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

H.W.L.W

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441 Sims Hall

Syracuse N.Y.

April 4, 1921.

Dr. H. W. Luce

156 Fifth Ave.

New York City

My dear Dr. Luce:

Here I return to you the valuable statistics which I used for my thesis. Thank you very much for the use of it and I hope it will reach you in good condition.

I have just one more chapter to finish my thesis and I hope that I could get it done by the first of May so that I could have some time to visit some of the grade schools, vocational schools, and the schools for defectives.

I shall be sailing in the latter part of June for home in Peking and I shall be certainly glad to see you there when you go back.

I will kind regards and best wishes remain,  
Respectfully yours,  
Fu Chuan Chou