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WILLIAM CROZIER  
c/o RIGGS NATIONAL BANK  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Peking Hotel  
Peiping February 16, 1933

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,  
Office of the President,  
Yenching University,  
Peiping.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Now that you are contemplating a visit to the United States in the interest of your university I want to send you my best wishes for a successful outcome from your trip. In the various discussions which we have had during the last ten years I think you have become aware of the interest which I feel in this great country, China, which began with my first visit of over thirty years ago and has grown with the four which I have made since the World War, aggregating some five years in time.

China, in my view, offers an outstanding example of one of the great tasks which are before the Occidental World today: the leading forward of the backward countries into what we like to think is the light of our modern civilization. I am one of those who believe that, together with the receipt of much that is valuable from the oriental civilization, we of the occident have brought, and are still bringing, great benefit to the east; in which I classify as of the very first rank the idea of government in the paramount interest of the governed, instead of the interest of those who are doing the governing. The idea is not yet fully grasped. And certainly the insurance of the practise of government in accordance with the idea, by the application of the occidental formula that all just powers of government are derived from the consent of the governed, is far from attainment in the most populous oriental countries; and eminently in China.

I am aware that government by consent of the governed is impossible of achievement in a country whose populace is too widespread over a great area for direct personal intercommunication, and is too ignorant and illiterate for intercommunication through the printed word, so that there can be no systematic formation of common sentiment under the inspiration of which the power of numbers, acting in combination, can be brought to bear to exact accountability from officials, or to install and maintain officials in power, or remove them from office. If such a country is to enjoy a government in the interest of the governed it must be under the protection of a state in which the principle is understood, as in the case of the Philippines, or India; and the protection should be continued until such number of the people shall have been educated to the point of understanding elementary rights as to place effective power in the hands of the governed class.

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But whether a politically immature people is to progress towards the capacity for self defense against official exploitation, under the tutelage of a guardian state, or whether it is to go on by a process of trial and error, suffering in the mean time the burden of inconsiderate or chaotic government, a feature essential for ultimate success under either process is education. The people of the occidental nations have shown little inclination to assume the task of improving the condition of the backward peoples by the use of the most effective instrumentality at their command, the power of their organized governments; but thousands of the people of these nations have exhibited a devoted willingness to contribute of their services and their resources to forward the well being of the distant human beings whom they regarded as less fortunate than themselves. Inspired with the longing to extend the blessings of Christian enlightenment the missions undertaken with this object have gradually, as occasion successively presented itself, expanded their teaching to include care of the health, the amelioration of living conditions, and, ultimately, most of the features of secular education; so that at present the amount of funds employed in this altruistic work constitutes, as you well know, the greatest single investment of any American enterprise in China.

As the work has gone on, and conditions have changed, the evangelistic features of the mission education have become less prominent, especially in great institutions like the one over which you preside; but the instruction which is given, by precept and example, in the class room and out of it, through text books and association, imparts rules of human relationship constituting a philosophy of life which, having developed in the occident, is a Christian philosophy, appropriate to modify or supplement the native philosophy without necessarily producing shock or antagonism. The person, therefore, who has supported the mission work with special interest in the roll of conversions to Christianity can continue his support in the assurance that he is promoting the kind of life that Christianity has led to, and which must embody the Christian ideal; while the man whose interest is what he considers more practical can reflect that there is no other way in which he can so effectively promote the capacity of the Chinese people to secure the control of their country and its resources which will relieve them from the harrowing famines, the destructive civil wars and the evils of maladministration which have for so long beset them, as by contributing to the maintenance of a great university like Yenching, with its splendid plant, its competent staff of native and foreign instructors and its established organization as a going concern. This is the surest way in which an effort can be directed towards the endowment of the Chinese people with the power to give or withhold an effective consent, sorely needed, in matters of their life and government.

Mrs. Crozier joins me in warm regards and the hope of a safe and satisfactory journey.

Very sincerely yours

*William Crozier*

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Peking Hotel  
Peiping, February 17, '33.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Herewith is a letter which I hope is somewhat in line with what you want. I must apologize for telling you a lot of things that you know a great deal better than I do; but, of course, the letter is written for other readers, and I have tried to put something more convincing in it than my mere approval of your great project. I was tempted to say something of my admiration of the spirit and ability with which you are guiding the University under most trying conditions, but refrained, in the effort to make my discussion more objective than personal. And the letter is too long anyway.

Thank you very much for your photograph; and still more for wanting me to have it. It will live on the wall of my den on Massachusetts Avenue, to remind me of a noble work nobly done.

Looking forward to another sight of you before good bye Mrs. Crozier and I both put in this note, again, our cordial good wishes for a profitable visit home and a safe return to your charge.

Always sincerely yours,

William Crozier

answered by  
Dr. Stuart

P. S. Of course you are free  
to make any use of my  
letter that you like.

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file June 1933  
Note on Maj. Genl. & Mrs. Wm. Crozier  
CL 1735 Massachusetts Ave.  
Washington D.C.

They have lived much in Peking and been very friendly with me. He is heartily in sympathy with U. S. and wrote a statement which I hope is being used. She has the money but is dubious about China. She is very devoted to him and to what he cares for. He is older and in the event of his death she might approve a memorial for him. I suggest that he be invited to become a member of Adv. Council, <sup>noted</sup> that U.S.G. visit them, paying special attention to her, and in time

ask for help on the Nat. Sc.  
matter or something that they them-  
selves suggest. Also that they  
put you in contact with other  
people in Washington & elsewhere.  
He is feeling the depression now.  
He has many influential friends.  
He might also speak when occasion  
comes. He does this well. He might  
be asked to join Com. Col. Committee.

J.H.S.

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WILLIAM OROZIER  
c/o RIGGS NATIONAL BANK  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

At Peiping, September 16, 1935.

Mr. George G. Barber,  
President of the Board of Trustees,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Barber:

This is a late date on which to refer to your letter of September 20, 1933, inviting me to be a member of the Washington Advisory Council of Yenching. At the time of receiving your letter my plans as to remaining in Washington were uncertain, and I kept the letter on my desk in the expectation that my prospective movements would crystalize into something definite, which would permit an intelligent answer to be made. But they never have; and your courteous invitation has gone without acknowledgment, to my regret.

Something over a year ago I left Washington for Europe, and I have been travelling pretty much ever since, reaching Peiping last spring. I am still uncertain as to when I shall return to Washington, or how long I shall remain when I get there. Therefore I feel that I would be an unserviceable member of the Advisory Council, and think that my name should not occupy the place of a more useful man on the list.

I have had pleasure in renewing my acquaintance with the Yenching University and my friend President Leighton Stuart. I am glad to confirm the reports which you have undoubtedly received, that the uncertain conditions in North China have not resulted in any disadvantage to the university, which expects its full enrollment for the coming term. The circumstances call for care and tact in the administration of the instruction departments in order that the spirit of good citizenship may be inculcated, while avoiding any ground for a charge of fostering an unfriendly sentiment towards the Japanese neighbors. To contribute to the development of national strength without implying a threat to use it in a particular direction will require skill and discretion. Of all of which Dr. Stuart is thoroughly aware.

The general surroundings of the university, grounds and buildings, have never looked better.

Very sincerely yours,

*William Crozier*

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April 28, 1937

General William Crozier  
Riggs National Bank  
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Crozier:

I enclose a photograph showing a group of students from the School of Religion at Yenching University, starting on a mission to outlying villages. I also enclose a booklet which we are sending to a small group of our friends. I think you will find this interesting.

Yenching University, with an enrollment of 826 students this year, and with 2,137 graduates, is a dramatic example of what Christian education can accomplish. So deeply has the university touched the life of its young men and women students that a tremendous elemental force has been released. This force is completely revolutionizing the thought of all China on matters of rural reconstruction, politics, health, religion, education and social standards. Such a powerful factor in shaping Christian thought in China must be perpetuated.

You well know the devotion, prayers and sacrifice that have gone into this Christian university, because your gifts, together with hundreds of others, brought it into being and have enabled it to continue. Formerly, the support came almost entirely from American sources. More recently, however, the Chinese themselves have responded most generously, and they will eventually provide the major portion of the budget. But until that time it is essential to continue American support. To withdraw would be fatal to all we have accomplished up to the present time.

Even with salaries reduced, expenses cut to bare necessities, and tuitions raised to increase revenue, we are still in great need of \$190,485 to meet our immediately pressing obligations. This includes \$14,759 to balance our current operating budget; \$77,485 toward the general endowment; \$48,241 toward the Women's College endowment; \$25,000 toward the School of Education endowment; \$25,000 for the Department of Physical Education endowment.

In the past you proved your loyalty and friendliness through your gifts, which we have deeply appreciated. In July 1935 you made a contribution of \$10.00. Can you help again at this time by sending either a cash contribution or a subscription payable at some future date? Please send what you can - it will all help.

Sincerely yours,

President, Board of Trustees

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July 23, 1937

My dear General Grenier:

We are very happy to have your gift of \$100.00 for the work of Yenching University. Our formal receipt is enclosed herewith.

We deeply appreciate your continued interest and support, evidenced by your generosity in increasing the amount of your gift.

I know you will be glad to note that newspaper reports indicate that conditions are clearing up in China, and that advice from Yenching indicates that plans are perfected for opening the University as usual in September.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

General William Grenier  
Riggs National Bank  
Washington, D. C.

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August 1, 1938

Dear General Crozier:

With July first another year began for the China Colleges. The Emergency Fund of \$300,000 raised for the year closing on June 30th brought forth from the Council on Higher Education in Shanghai the following cable:

ON BEHALF OF THE CHINA COLLEGES PLEASE EXPRESS  
OUR BEST THANKS TO THE FRIENDS WHO HAVE GONE  
TO THEIR ASSISTANCE IN A MOST GENEROUS MANNER.  
VERY GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO US. WE ARE FACING  
A VERY TRYING SITUATION FOR THE COMING YEAR.

We now begin the task of raising for 1938-39 the sum of \$330,000 which again is designed to keep the doors of these Colleges open in spite of all the difficulties of the war time. We are daily assured that their existence is essential to the continuance of a triumphant morale in that small portion of the Chinese people now giving inspired leadership, and building for the better days of future peace.

In July 1937 we had from you a gift of \$100.00 for Yenching University, which is doing a specially significant piece of work in its part of the "occupied territory". Its academic program is proceeding with interference. Will you be one of those to begin the new year by sending us a contribution or a pledge designated for Yenching's 1938-39 budget?

Surely in these days of dire distress in China, when our courageous and faithful representatives on the field are carrying on with fortitude, our sacrificial gifts are needed as never before. If not convenient to send your gift now, indicate on the pledge card when you prefer to send it.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

General William Crozier  
Riggs National Bank  
Washington, D. C.

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August 30, 1938

My dear General and Mrs. Crozier:

It was very good of you to send us your checks amounting to \$100.00. We sincerely appreciate this last evidence of your continued interest in the work of Yenching.

Your gift will not only help to meet the financial needs of the institution, but will cheer President Stuart as his staff as they carry on their work in the midst of very difficult conditions.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

General and Mrs. William Crozier  
Riggs National Bank  
Washington, D. C.

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Doris I. Cummings

FORM OF CONTRACT WITH TEACHERS OR OTHER MEMBERS OF  
THE STAFF UNDER THE DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE  
YENCHING COLLEGE COMMITTEE

This AGREEMENT, entered into by and between the Yenching College  
Committee and Doris I. Cummings this 28 day of June, 1929

WITNESSETH:

That the Yenching College Committee hereby agrees to and does employ  
Doris I. Cummings for the position of Secretary for a term of  
3 years, upon the following terms:

1. Salary at the rate of Gold \$900. or Mexican \$1800. per year, beginning on the day of sailing:
2. Travel expenses from Boston to Peking and return by the most direct route. In case she for any reason other than illness withdraws at the end of two years' service, the Committee will pay two-thirds (2/3) of the round trip travel by the most direct route. For one year of service the Committee will pay one-third (1/3) of the round trip travel.
3. Residential quarters in Peking, China:
4. Medical attendance without charge in case of sickness. One-half (1/2) dental bills if incurred with approval of the dean.

The College, upon due notice in writing, may terminate this contract at any time, upon the payment of three months' salary and travel expenses to the address given above, by the most direct route.

Doris I. Cummings hereby accepts the said employment and the foregoing terms and conditions, and agrees, that if for any reason she resigns the position before the expiration of three (3) years she will reimburse the Yenching College Committee for travel in proportion to her term of service. Cases of serious illness will be considered individually.

It is further agreed by her that she will give her whole time and attention to the work for which she is hereby employed, and that she will not engage in any outside occupation or activity for profit, except as may be agreed upon in conference with the Dean of Yenching College.

This agreement may be extended for a further period if signed by the parties hereto.

WITNESSETH the hands and seals of the parties hereto this 28 day of June 1929.

On behalf of Yenching College Committee  
BY \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: Doris I. Cummings

ATTEST: Eula B. Lee

Secretary, Yenching College Committee

WITNESSES: Pauline M. Baker

Edith N. Spratt

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Cummings

Yenching University  
Peking, China  
March 23, 1931

Dear Friends and Family:

It seems to me that another circular letter is in order if I am ever to get caught up again - which I doubt - life slips by so that that the seasons change before we realize it. There is hardly an excuse for a letter like this, for our lives go on very uneventfully, except that bain in China is a constant event - but we ever get used to that!

Winter is over, and the warm sunny, dusty days of spring are upon us. We rally have no spring, for winter changes to summer over night, and one day we wear fur coats (if we are fortunate enough to have them, and the next day sleeveless dresses and carrying parasols! At the moment we are hovering between winter and summer, and trips to the hills are in order, in the University truck and by every other known means of conveyance - donkeys, rickshaws, automobiles, and on foot. Some go for the day, some spend the night in temples or hostels, and some go farther afield into the mountains to the Trappist Monastery and the Village of the Lost Tribe, or to Jehol, where there are many interesting temples dedicated to the Lama faith, from Tibet. At the moment some of us are planning a trip over Easter to T'ai Shan, the sacred mountain, and to Confucius' grave. We have three days then and away we all go in different directions to all sorts of interesting places.

Last weekend five of us went out to the Language School Hostel - about 15 miles from here at a place called Chao Yang An - three of us chaperoned George and Roberts, a recently engaged couple. We explored temples and got caught in a very unusual rain storm, going over to Lung Men Ssu, The Dragon Gate Temple - really a tomb of some famous man, which has the most beautiful avenue of white pines leading up to the tomb. The temple has long since fallen to ruin, and last summer all the remaining ornaments and stone animals that lined the avenue were taken away to decorate the tomb of Chang Tso-lin's father, in some remote spots. Last summer our dean was up in the hills when these huge stone animals were being carted away to a distant railroad station, and the villagers told her that every night the eyes of these animals were covered, so that they could not find their way back to Lung Men Ssu! This is really true. What children the Chinese are!

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One day I went alone over the hills from the Hostel to the Mummy Temple (T'ien T'ai Shan) where there is a figure supposed to be a real mummy several hundreds of years old. He was an emperor, and because his favorite concubine could not be with him, he pretended to die, but instead became a priest and a hermit in this temple. Year later his son, who had since been proclaimed emperor, went to the temple and insisted on seeing the old hermit, who had refused to come out to meet the emperor. The son recognized his father, and after his death had his body mummified - and there it is today. It is impossible to say whether it is real or not, but the figure is most lifelike, squatted more or less in or on a jar before an altar. The temple is gorgeous - just freshly painted in the most vivid colors and fantastic designs - not falling into decay like most of them. And so the stories go - each temple is full of legend and superstition, but it takes one with more command of the language than I to get these stories from the priests who live in them. They are always friendly and ready for a chat, and will give you a pot of tea any time.

The other day in Peking on my way to the Forbidden City to see the Palace Museum, I saw a most interesting funeral being assembled, so I jumped out of my rickshaw and went into the courtyard where the chief activities were taking place to that moment. There were bannermen and a catafalque and a sedan chair, and a huge photograph of the deceased (who I saw was a sweet old lady) and two Chinese bands, and a Chinese band in foreign clothes playing a foreign funeral march. The mixture of our modern funeral march and the two ancient Chinese bands of flutes and drums was weird to say the least. The mourners were in white, the catafalque was bright red, and the carriers (at least 40 of them) were dressed in green with great red decorations painted on them. The paper flowers were of all colors, and the whole procession was a most colorful spectacle, blending itself as it did, with the drab, dusty busy life of the street. The chief mourner, a little old man, evidently the husband of the little old lady, was dressed in white, and was supported by two stout sons apparently. All were weeping, and marched before the catafalque. Every ten or twenty steps or so they knelt on white pads laid for them in the street, and burst afresh into sobbing and weeping. Paper images were burned at these times, and paper money was thrown into the air, which was immediately scabbled for by many street urchins. Street cars, rickshaws, pedestrians, Peking carts, donkeys, camels, bicycles, etc. threaded their way in and around this procession which wended its way so slowly and painfully down Peking's busiest street. But no one was concerned in the least, either the mourners of the others - and it all a part of the picture.

But to think of something more cheerful! The trip to T'ai Shan will be very interesting, and I do hope the trains will be running regularly enough to warrant our trying to do this in three days - all we have at Easter. There are 6000 steps up the mountain, I believe, and go up in Sedan chairs carried by two men who run all the way up and down, and the sensation, so I have heard, is rather dizzying! I'll tell you more later.

My plans for the summer are not yet made. One party is going into the interior, into Shansi. Others are going north toward Mongolia, and families with children usually go to Pei-tah for the sea bathing and quiet life, and then there are always others going on furlough by Siberia or by the Pacific, or the ports. So our population is always moving and on the move - interesting, but at times disconcerting. The picture is never the same year after year.

Next year our Women's College dean leaves us for good - she is anxious to get back into evangelistic work - and we will have to have an acting dean, but we are hoping to get one of the faculty whom we all like very much to do this job again for us, as she did once before, but it is a hard job, and she may not be willing to do it. As I am the dean's secretary, I am somewhat concerned! We can only hope for the best. Our idea is to get as soon as possible a Chinese dean, but for years they have not been able to find one suitable, so any arrangement is bound to be more or less temporary until such a permanent Chinese dean can be found. The student trouble of the fall and winter seems to have died down for the moment, at least, and I guess the administration has won a victory. The students thought they could run the University, but soon discovered that they could not. That seems to be the attitude of students all over China, and several institutions have had to close because of student troubles, but if we can hold out, we may be able to keep open and still be the masters. The student body is really loyal - only a few communist agitators - and when it was rumored that we might close the University, the agitators did not get much support, as most of the students valued their education too much!

Spring athletics are now in order - the tennis courts are in full swing, and the three horses go out nearly every day for a turn around the old Summer Palace or to the nearby temples or to the hills. From four to six every day students and faculty enjoy the fresh and stimulating spring air. The countryside around is also booming with activity. Rice field, lotus, grain are all being prepared.

Life here gets more interesting all the time, as the newness and bewilderment wear off and one gets to know the Chinese more and more, and to understand their lives and customs and the thoughts and beliefs. They are fascinating. Every day some new insight comes in understanding them.

The next meeting of the International Club is to be held in the Japanese Legations, and the Japanese ladies are to be the hostesses, and to produce a Cherry Blossom Festival. It will be lively, I think. The Chinese entertained the last meeting, and gave some ancient boxing dances. As several hundred members belong to the club, the meetings are varied and picturesque to the last degree - all nationalities are there.

A few weeks ago Douglas Fairbanks visited Peking, and I was fortunate enough to go to a reception given by Mei Lan Fang, China's most famous actor and impersonator of women's parts, - in honor of Douglas. Mr. Mei lives in a large semi-foreign house - the crowds were enormous, and the Chinese delicacies that were served were simply beyond words delectable.

Our president, Dr. Stuart, has been called to America for a short trip to raise money for the College of Natural Sciences to match the Rockefeller gift of \$250,000. The financial depression in America is having its effect on us indirectly, but we are still happy and comfortable, and go on as usual. Exchange is now 4.12, so some of us who are paid in gold are benefitting by it. But expenses are equally high in foreign goods some of which we foreigners cannot seem to get along without, or at least think we can't, so the gain is not real, only apparent.

Some of us enjoy riding horseback these lovely spring days. I usually go with the mafu, who manages the somewhat peppy and frisky little ponies, and we talk Chinese a little, and as we go through the fields and villages I learn things about the people - a temple, a school, a funeral, about the crops, - and sometimes he buys a few peanuts from a village vendor, and we munch peanuts contentedly as we amble along. It is all very pleasant with the sun sinking behind the beautiful purple western hills, and odd silhouettes of temples and pagodas outlined on the skyline - the Summer Palace, the Jade Fountain pagodas, and our Yenching water-tower pagoda.

My little English class of five Chinese girls who are here to study to become kindergarten teachers are really great fun, and I have enjoyed that connect with the students. In my office I see them only in tiny snatches on bits of business. I had my first experience leading chapel the other day, and while the service is very short and very simple - still my first time I found it quite thrilling.

At the moment the dean is in Shanghai, attending some meetings on Higher Education, so we are rather quiet. From now on we will be busy, finishing the semester, graduation, one wedding

of the faculty, seeing people off on summer vacations and furloughs, and getting away ourselves. The time certainly goes fast - three years in America seemed long enough - now I wonder where the time has gone to, and if I shall extend my time. That depends on how my office works out. The Women's College is merging more and more with the University, and less and less responsibility is carried in the dean's office each year. But time will tell!

Cookie and I have enjoyed our little semi-Chinese house very much this year. We had the fun of furnishing it, and I have spent much time prowling around the shops in Peking getting furniture and decorations. Yesterday I bought a set of iron pictures for over the mantelpiece - also a rug for the front hall, scrolls, coffee-cups, coffee spoons, and raw silk for more curtains in the halls - also pongee for curtains in my room. The amah is quite thrilled with the pongee and is going to hemstitch them beautifully in her leisure moments. She is a dean - Sun Nai Nai - and takes very good care of us, and seems quite like a member of the family to come back to after trips. Her husband is our cook, and she is certainly three-fourths of the outfit. She has four lovely children who live in the village. They come up to the house occasionally, beaming with health and joy - neat and clean, and well-behaved. China loves its children always.

Well, I'll try to add a personal word with each letter, so that it won't all sound like an article in the National Geographic! Please excuse mistakes - I have to dash this off in odd minutes - although I suppose some of this sounds a little feeble-minded!

Best wishes from

Doris

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEKING, CHINA

September 6, 1939

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

Mr. Joseph I. Parker  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

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My dear Mr. Parker:

Dr. Stuart and Dr. Galt have consulted over the matter of the Dr. Galt's History of Yenching, and they both agree that the manuscript should be sent to New York for approval, and then, if approved there, that you start printing slowly all the chapters but the last one, which will be held here until we know more about our own future. That will be the end of an era, so to speak, in our history, and a logical last chapter. They also felt that conditions being what they are here that the printing should be done at your end. I understand that Dr. Galt is preparing to send this manuscript to you soon.

Very sincerely yours,

*Doris J. Cummings*  
Secretary

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Mr. [Name] and Mr. [Name] have contacted over the matter of  
the [Name] History of Yenching, and they have agreed that  
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our history, and a logical last chapter. They also felt that our  
mission here was that the printing should be done  
at your end. I understand that Mr. [Name] is over here so even this  
manuscript can be done.

Very truly yours,  
[Signature]

[Signature]

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Yenching University  
February 28, 1940

*Ack 4/2/40*

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

My dear Mr. Evans:

As perhaps you already know, I am expecting to return to return to the U S in June or July for permanent residence there. I have thought it best for several reasons to leave China and get located over there, before it is too late! I expect to be at Duke University, N.C. This makes me think I should begin to wind up my affairs here, and my insurance account with you. Since I shall be in the U S, and probably in New York in September, I can always make final adjustments with you then, but it might be easier to leave the field account adjusted, as they hold my US dollars against my insurance. If you would kindly make the June 11 quarterly payment and adjust with the field, I will carry on from that point beginning with the September 11 payment. In that way the accounts <sup>will</sup> should be clear by the end of the fiscal year.

*written to Mr. W.H. Rice  
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filed under  
Newton Centre  
Trust Co.*

*noted  
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I have asked my friend Mr. W. H. Rice, of the Newton Trust Company, to put about US\$500 in your care to be drawn on by me here if necessary, if or when needed, this to be adjusted with you with I reach New York in September. I hope he can do this early in April.

*noted  
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I most certainly appreciate your help in these matters, which are almost impossible to handle from this end.

As you can imagine, I shall be sorry to leave Yenching and China after all these interesting and happy years, but for personal reasons feel that it is best for me to do so.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

*Louis J. Cummings*

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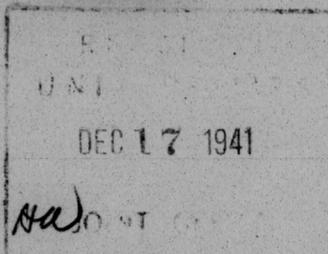
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Duke University  
DURHAM  
NORTH CAROLINA

School of Medicine  
Department of Neuropsychiatry  
Reply to Undersigned



December 15, 1941

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*12/15/41*

Mr. C. A. Evans

Dear Mr. Evans:

It was indeed fine to have your letter about the people in North China. The situation is awful to contemplate, but that word of assurance certainly helps. Word from Miss Mabel Tom, formerly of the P U M C, now in New York, thinks that some of their people went to Manila, probably to stay there for the duration.

I did not receive your letter of December 13 which you mentioned in your letter. May I have one? I imagine you will keep us informed of more details or other developments, if any. It will be fine to see some of our Yenching people when I come to New York for Christmas.

With sincere greetings to you and the others, and all good wishes for the holiday season,

Sincerely yours,

*Dois Gurnump*

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Cummings

July 17, 1940

Dear Miss Cummings:

Thank you for your letter of June 18 which arrived a few days ago. It is interesting to know about your ~~trip~~ journey.

We are quite well. Miss Jacob is now living in the house and I am doing the usual work for her as did for you. How nice it is, you see!

This letter is written <sup>for me</sup> by Mr. Yang who is very busy in the office. He said that he is the only one who is taking care of the office now, open <sup>in</sup> mails, ~~what not.~~ ~~answers letters and ~~arranging~~~~ He will write you as soon as he has just a little free time.

The weather is very hot, but not yet quite so awful as it was last year.

Hoping you have a nice time and <sup>will</sup> enjoy your new work there.

raithfully yours,

Shen Tien Chen

Dear Miss Cummings:

I can't write you just now as I am busy every day, and work piled up. I wish you could give me a helping hand in American! I can well imagine what I look like now!

J. C. Yang

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November 15, 1940

Miss Deris I. Cummings  
c/o Dr. R. S. Lyman  
Duke Hospital  
Durham, N.C.

Dear Miss Cummings:

Your letter of October 9 reaches me this morning - November 14. It is nice to see your writing again, and happy to learn that you have already satisfactorily settled down there. It gives me a vivid recollection of the "scene" while you were here. I wish I could be with you there in the big buildings. Let me hope that some day after the world is a world again, I could go to see you there. The picture of the Duke University campus looks fine. It looks bigger and much more beautiful than Yenching (in another aspect). As a new arrival from China, I expected that you must be awfully busy with meeting people especially in social events. It is a comfort to learn that your sister and the children are already in America. They must have had a terrible experience.

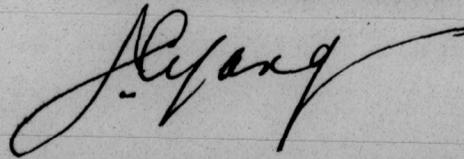
We here in the office are busy as usual and I am more tight up to the telephone than before as Miss Hutchison can not speak Chinese at all. You can well imagine how much time I saved and how much more convenient I am by moving my desk near the telephone!

As to the general situation here, it seemed that we really got excited last month, because of all sorts of rumors regarding the recent international issue. But now it seems to be all calmed down. The University is carrying on as usual without external interference (I think you are quite familiar with this term) and the life here is as harmonious and orderly as it was before you left. The situation both in Asia and Europe are pretty bad. The way ahead is, of course as always, hidden by fog. Surely, we imagine, there is higher ground just ahead. Practically no American here are leaving, with only two or three exceptions.

The weather here is unusually nice and warm which we never had before at this time of the year, but it may change at any moment! One wonderful thing is that we had steam in the office four days before November 1, yet we had your electric stove taken down long before that.

The boss has gone to town and the secretary is sick in bed, I am sitting here quietly writing this letter. Now the bulletin proof is here and I have to attend to that. So until next writing, good-bye!

Very sincerely yours,



P.S. I showed your letter to  
Miss Cookingham and Mrs.  
Ruth Clow. Jcy.

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January 30, 1941

Dear Doris:

I have been meaning to tell you how much I enjoy your little house and how I appreciate all your many pieces of equipment. For instance, the blue tea set - so pretty when I have a few guests in for tea. And the nice coffee machine - I always did love to operate them - and had been thinking to purchase one for use in House #53 - now I just use yours.

Some things were turned back to the Women's College - for I felt it a bit selfish to hang onto items I really did not need. I think your cook rather disliked seeing all the table silver go - but I have lots of my own - came out in that trunk Miss Mable Huggins brought last winter when she returned. But Liu Hui Ching and family had moved into Hilda's house for the winter, and had no silver at all. So now they have your supply - which was all carefully listed before I handed it over. The count was higher than yours! Now how do you account for that?

I also turned in all your bedding and towels. Again, I think the cook did not like seeing them go - and I myself disliked giving up that lovely comforter stuffed with camel wool - but I felt like a terrible nasty dog-in-the-manger hanging on to all those things when I knew there were others with inadequate supplies. On your list, towels were not mentioned individually, but down as "one lot towels". I therefore decided to share with the cook, and gave him all but the very best ones - told him you wanted him to have them. O.K. with you? As a matter of fact, the towels are still down in Miss Pai's office - not loaned out - no great demand for them - as for the bedding and the silver.

The cook and his daughter have each written letters for you. The cook brought his rough draught for correction, but I told him that it was alright. So you have an uncensored version. I did glance at it - and see that he tells



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you of his fear that the Americans will all leave. Mrs. Sailer and her boys departed two days ago - the Wiants are all leaving today - Anna Wilson may have to go and take her girls. Hilda is going on Monday, but that is just for her regular leave. We may be living in a fool's paradise, but we refuse to become excited. I keep telling him that I will be here!

I talked to Mrs. Sailer about the daughter in Bridgeman, and was told that her fees etc are all taken care of for the year. You probably did something for her before you left, and I think that Gertrude also helped. They are to let me know if anything is needed. I gave her a wool sweater not long ago - one of my old ones, I must admit - but a fairly good one. I did not use it much - thought the child might as well enjoy it.

Have you heard from Gertrude? Believe it or not, she landed a new job next day after arrival - in Berkeley - and is to teach at the U. of Cal. for summer session - so wrote that she was all fixed up until the end of the summer, at least. She wanted me to purchase some old fashioned silver rings for her - and fortunately the jewelry man turned up - so I sent them by Mrs. Sailer, along with the scroll.

Remember that picture you had tacked behind your stove - the mountains, boats, etc? Mrs. Hung took it to a shop in town - had it repaired and re-mounted for Gertrude at a cost of \$8.00 - Mrs. Sailer is taking it to Englewood - the sister of Gertrude who lives near will call for it. I did not see the scroll, but Mrs. Hung said it was very pretty. Now does not that make you sorry for leaving it behind?

I have added a bit of furniture - a desk by the south windows in your living room - an old table and two chairs against the east wall in the same room - my own rugs for the living room and the bed room - but everything else is much as you had it. Ruth Chou even came in and told me the best place to put my camphor chest - yes, right under the phone - convenient for wraps when guests come. I do like you little house a lot - and am so glad to have your things. When will you come back to see it?

Going in town today - must see some people - do a bit of reading at the P.U.M.C. Such a fine library - I do not half make use of it.

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I must go by to see "able Huggins also - she wrote me a note to say that she has been ordered home - the end of Feb. Her heart has been acting up - I heard that she was in bed most of the time at the beach last summer. I feel sorry for her - she is very game, as it were. But after all, she has just been hanging on. Have seen her only once this winter - she said that she teaches mornings at the boys' school - American Board Mission - and in the afternoons does some special coaching in English. I know she will just hate going back to Topeka to loaf. The mother finally died, so she does not even have the satisfaction of keeping her company!

Hilda is to spend the spring with her sister in Victoria. She takes a Japanese boat directly to Victoria - her hostess will just drive down to the boat and pick her up. Now what do you think of that for good connections?

Dora writes that she is doing a new kind of Y.W. work - back in her old home town - running a club for young folks of both sexes - 14 to 20 yrs. of age - in the various groups. She writes as if they must spend evenings underground - poor things. She wanted a padded gown for these cool nights - so Hilda had one made and is sending it - but I fear that summer will arrive before the padded gown!

Kung Lan-chen has a nice house outside South Gate - and old official place - purchased and repaired by the University. Go out the gate - turn left by the little play ground - not quite so far as to the house of Lucy Burt. The sister is here still - a most pleasant person - works at the P.U.M.C. in Pharmacology - commutes. The little girl is very pretty - and clever as can be. Was down there for New Year's lunch last week - great fun.

Do let us know how you are getting along. Like the south? No more need for wooly underwear etc? Violets in January and all that sort of thing? Wonderful.

By the way - you remember the Krauses where we stayed in Peking a few times? They went home - and Mr. Krause died a while ago - Mrs. Wiant had to sing at the memorial service in town. Whatever do you suppose they did with the quantities of nick-nacks that filled that house? They were lovely to me - but the place sort of gave me night-mares!!

Must close

Yours truly

*your cook makes grand ice cream!!*

*Mary to Kinross*

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My Dear Cummings,

Yenching University  
Jan. 30th 1941.

Are you well? I didn't  
write you letters for a long time,  
but I have been thinking of you very  
much.

We have three weeks for winter  
vacation. Our school will begin in Feb. 12th.  
I read ~~some~~ some story books and help mother  
to do something. I have a very happy time  
at home.

I hope you have a good time in  
America.

Yours respectfully  
Sun Ming Chen.

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Dear Miss Doris Cummings

How are you? my family  
is very good many children  
and mothers go back to

Country I afraid everybody  
go back to america we have

... a good Chinese new year

on new day we have some  
much meat vegetable, Chinese  
bread and many other things

I hope you have a good  
winter recess at america

Sun Tien Chen

March 15, 1941

Miss Doris I. Cummings  
c/o Dr. R. S. Lyman  
Duke University  
Dorham, N.C.

Dear Miss Cummings:

It seems to be quite a long time since I wrote to you. I have been quite occupied with my work as well as my study. I am studying Economics and am trying to improve my shorthand and learning Japanese too. So you could imagine how busy I am. But I can't help of thinking writing to you whom I worked with nearly eight years.

Spring is in the air and the campus ~~is~~ begin to show its beauty again. There is nothing indiferent as you were here. The willow tree along the lake and the water in ~~the lake~~ waving harmoniously. The flowers begin to bloom. Together with other scenery, these show that spring is already here. These makes us forget the awful world where there has been full of hatred and killing. On the other hand, rumors on the campus make us too forget the beautiful scenery! But rumors are rumors anyway and I personally rather enjoy more of the scenery than rumors.

Everything remains the same and nothing new or queer to report. The boss is still as busy as a bee or even more so, but Mr. Hsiao does not seem to be quite busy recently as I expected. We all stay here quite peacefully, but you seem to be quite fortunate to have gone home a year earlier.

Mr. Tsai is still in America and Miss Cookingham and Mr. Payne seem to be working quite harmoniously. The Wolferzs, the Wiants, and Mrs. Wilson have all gone back home, either evacuated or otherwise. Other people remain the same.

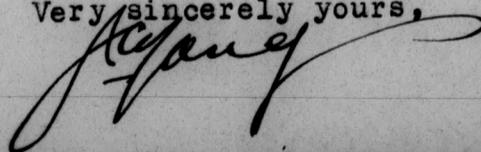
The University is still carrying on normally and ~~are~~ maintaining the program as though ~~it~~ would be possible to complete the session without interruption. But if this proves impossible, you will doubtless have the news through newspaper reports.

The only new thing here is that there opened a new shop outside the West gate near the entrance to Wei Hsiu Yuan, now the Senior Middle School. They sell cigarettes, candy, fruits, etc. The business, I understand, is not quite promising.

There is not much else in the way of news to report to you which, under the circumstance, is the best possible news.

Best wishes and hoping that you are enjoying your work there,

Very sincerely yours,



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September 30, 1941

Miss Doris I. Cummings  
c/o Dr. R. S. Lyman  
Duke University  
Dorham, N.C.

My dear Miss Cummings:

It has been quite a long time since I wrote you last. This does not mean that you are forgotten but, on the contrary, you are always in my thoughts. I wish this letter will find you in the best of health and the most of happiness.

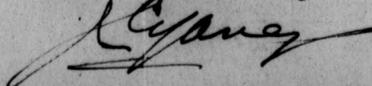
My work is as usual and I am now reading the proofs of the faculty directory as I used to do once a year - many changes, everybody has his own opinion, etc. - I am really tired of doing it. Besides this, other office routine require my attention all the time since the secretary is still at a loss to understanding Chinese language. But my shorthand is much improved under her direction. She is very generous and kind.

There is one thing I would like to ask for your advice and help. As my age is coming up, I feel it more in urgent need of preparing myself to do something useful rather than burrying myself here. So at my leisure for the past two or three years, I have been reviewing what I have been taught while in College (Peking College of Commerce and Finance) such as Economics, Money and Banking, Accounting, etc. so as to wait for a chance to go abroad to see the greater world. I fully aware that it is very difficult at present to have such a dream realized but sooner or later when the war is over, or when the present situation becomes better improved, I wish my dream will show that it is not at all without reality. I should be able, I think, by that time, to provide myself the expenses for my travelling one way, but have to get some help while studying there. Do you think if it would be at all possible for you to help me to fulfil my plan by getting a scholarship in one of the colleges you think that I am qualified to go? Or, if I could get some work with you there, I wish ~~I could~~ I could pay my expenses. You know this is very special in my case as I am not a University graduate, hence can not do post graduate work. I have to do some undergraduate work by special permission. This, of course is not in a hurry. It may be that after two or three years when opportunity comes, you could lend me your helpful hand. If my "application" could be kept "in file", I shall be much obliged.

Now the University has opened with 1156 students. The dormitories are extremely crowded. There is, so far, no interference whatever. The "freezing", of course, gave us some concern, but not as much as it does in its lateral sense, as our coal supply is quite insufficient for the winter. If no coal could be got, we would be really freezeed.

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,



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207 Watts Street

Doris Cummings  
Durham  
North Carolina

March 11, 1942

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:

The mimeographed reports concerning the welfare of the folks in China have been read and reread and passed around the interested group here. Thanks for sending them. Has there been any more news lately? Is there any chance for an exchange of nationals? If not, it would seem that their ultimate fate might not be very enviable. One wonders.

Several years ago Dr. Galt was working on a history of Yenching - it was typed in Dr. Stuart's office - and I think sent to the N.Y. office. I wonder if this was ever put into print, or circulable form, and if so, if it would be possible to have a copy, or borrow a copy. Now that I am not in China, one gets a certain perspective not possible while there, and I would be much interested in reviewing the history of Yenching, if it is possible. Also any other material that could be spared. This is not for any special purpose - my own information - but I am often asked questions, which I want to answer as correctly as possible.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Doris Cummings

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March 19, 1942

Miss Doris Cummings  
207 Watts Street  
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Miss Cummings:

I am sorry that I have not had opportunity to answer your letter of March 11th ere this. I have delayed, however, as I wished to ascertain the possibility of loaning Dr. Galt's manuscript as requested in your letter.

A considerable amount of reading has been done by three members of the Yenching Board and the manuscript is now in the possession of one who is doing good work thereon and for the present at least, we would not like to disturb that situation. As soon as it comes back to our hands, I will take your request under further advisement with the hope that it will be possible to accede.

There is no other late news than that which has been sent out previously, although a general letter is going out to our entire constituency. A committee of Yenching interested people has been formed at Chengtu to take care of Yenching refugee students. Dr. H. H. Kung is Chairman, Dr. Y. P. Mei is Secretary and Mr. Dwight Edwards is Treasurer. A limited appropriation has been made with the hope that later on a unit will be established.

As soon as other definite word comes to hand, it will be mailed out promptly.

With sincerest personal regards to you, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Yenching University  
Peiping, China  
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Miss Doris Cummings  
42 Concord Street  
W. Hartford, Conn.

Dear Miss Cummings:

It really was a pleasant surprise to receive your Christmas card a few days ago. I have not heard from you for many years but you are always in our thought.

After the V-J day Dr. Stuart was out from custody on August 22, 1945, and I was asked to come to help on August 24. An office was established then at San Kuan Miao in the Legation quarters. We moved out in October and the University was opened on October 10, 1945, with only a handful students and some old faculty members. Since then with the cooperation of many people the University was able to run and to be developed smoothly. But after Dr. Stuart was appointed Ambassador to China, in August, 1946, and with the civil war going on indefinitely, we really have had a very hard time and live is such that no body can meet ends with his or her salary especially the junior staff members of which I am one. Now with the political situation so uncertain, no body can tell what will happen to Yenching in almost anytime during the next year or two. American help is, of course, welcome, but military help is not so much wanted. The more military help, the worse the situation.

Dr. Adolph is now the acting President and so far has proved very successful. Miss Wilner, an Austrian girl, is here to be his secretary. My work is just as usual, a public servant. With the inflation of the Chinese money, no budget could be made. My salary for January is well over 6 millions! I may have more. In a sense we are counting by days!

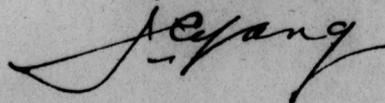
We had three or four extreme cold days as we never had had for many years. As coal is as costly as flour or rice, we have suffered a great deal and I think we will have to suffer more with the situation like it is now.

I do not mean to give you all these pessimistic news about us, but facts make me can not but write thus.

Now the weather is pleasant and the campus beautiful. Skating is still in time. Winter is coming to its end and we are looking forward to the presence of Spring.

My little man is already in his first year middle school and I have now a younger one who is three years old. My wife is working now in Dr. Y. P. Mei's office two hours a day as a half time assistant. They all join me in giving you best regards (Ni Hao),

Very sincerely yours,



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