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November 3, 1921.

Mrs. Willard Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Straight:

It was a great pleasure to me to meet you the other day at the Peking luncheon at the Hotel Commodore and I wish I might have the pleasure of calling upon you to talk with you at greater length regarding Peking University. I am leaving the city tomorrow, however, to be gone for a number of days and it will therefore be impossible for me to call in the near future.

In view of this, I am wondering whether it will be convenient for you to receive a call from the Rev. H. W. Luce, D. D., the Vice-President of the University, who spoke for just a few minutes at the close of the luncheon the other day. Dr. Luce is in the city and will be very glad to have the pleasure of meeting you and discussing the work at Peking University. Will you kindly send some word to Dr. Luce, addressing him at the Peking University Office, 156 Fifth Avenue, and let him know at what time it will be convenient for you to see him.

Thanking you for your kindness,

Very sincerely yours,

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W. P. SCHALL

1130 FIFTH AVENUE

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December 19, 1921.

Mr. William P. Schall,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 15th, -
Mrs. Straight has asked me to say that she will be glad
to see Dr. Luce, on Wednesday, December 21st, at 4.30
o'clock, for the purpose of discussing the situation at
Peking University.

Yours very truly,

(mis) Mary R. Seary

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Journal of J. W. Smith (cont.)

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Miss Philip Smith

December 22nd, 1921.

Mrs. Willard Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Straight:-

Your husband was so interested in the United States Legation at Peking that I would not want you to miss Dr. Reinsch's remarkable letter on page 27 of the brown-covered pamphlet I left with you yesterday.

We often do not say the thing deepest in our heart, but as I read the account of Mr. Straight's wonderful and interesting experiences (and studied his beautiful drawings, more than once I felt (what was left unexpressed in my heart yesterday) that one day we ought to see a memorial to him at Peking and at the University.

I think you will also be interested in the enclosed copy of "Peking News" just from the press.

I greatly enjoyed our pleasant chat together on the wonderful situation and opportunity which confronts us.

Ever most sincerely,

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December 28th, 1921.

Mrs. Willard Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mrs. Straight:-

We have just from the architect a few copies of this very beautiful bird's-eye view of the new buildings, and I have thought you might like to possess a copy. This map reveals a surprising amount of detail if one looks closely.

We hope before long to see these buildings rising on the beautiful new site on the road to the Summer Palace.

With most cordial greetings for
the New Year,

Most sincerely,

1130 FIFTH AVENUE

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

February twenty first
1922

Mr. H. W. Luce, Vice President,
Peking University, Incorporated,
156 Fifth Avenue.

My dear Mr. Luce:

As Mrs. Straight has left for the South, I am
answering your letter to her which came as a result of
an interview you had regarding the Peking University.
Mrs. Straight regrets very much her delay in taking up
this matter, but has been so busy since your talk, that
she has been unable to consider the matter of your in-
terview. She requests me to say now that she wishes
to give to Peking University Ten Thousand Dollars a
year for three years, the first instalment to be paid
sometime during the year 1922.

Yours very truly,

Anna Bogue
SECRETARY.

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February 24th, 1922.

Mrs. Willard Straight,
1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Straight:-

In behalf of the Trustees of Peking University
it gives me great pleasure to convey to you the following
action of the Executive Committee of the Trustees -

VOTED: That the Trustees of Peking University, through
their Executive Committee, having learned of the
desire of Mrs. Willard Straight to give to Peking
University \$10,000 a year for three years, the first
installment to be paid sometime during the year 1922,
makes record of its very hearty appreciation of
Mrs. Straight's generosity and expresses their con-
viction that the gift will be of great usefulness
in the development of Christian higher education in
a great city and a great country in which she has
long been deeply interested.

That the Secretary be instructed to convey to Mrs.
Straight this action of the Trustees.

May I add that this generous gift has brought us
renewed courage in the rather difficult task of securing funds
necessary to move the University to its new site and to establish
it on a sound foundation for large service to Christianity and to
China.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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NEW YORK,

September 8th, 1922.

My dear Dr. Luce:-

I am leaving tonight for Albany, Troy and Syracuse,
expecting to be back in the office Friday morning. Probably
I will be at the Tenyck, Albany, only to-morrow and at Syracuse
Wednesday and Thursday at the Onondaga.

11 There was a combined meeting to-day of the Finance
and Campaign Committees. We went over the list suggested for
the Committee of Endorsement and the Committee would like to have
you be the one to communicate with Mrs. Willard Straight as a
possible member. Of course if you think this would interfere
with your further approach to her for money, I know the Committee
would leave the question to your judgement.

We shall be awaiting further word from you with reference
to the letters regarding the appointments for Mr. Hung.

Mr. Wheeler just showed me a letter he received from Mr.
Farley indicating that Dr. Taylor was very much opposed to our hav-
ing a campaign in Rochester in the near future. However, as you
know, this is a standard attitude for Dr. Taylor to take. I shall
be interested in talking over this question with you on your return.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

H. F. Strong

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Ms. Elmhurst



La Salle at Madison St.
Telephone Franklin 0700

Hotel La Salle

Chicago Oct 7 1922

Noted
H.S.
10/14/22

Dear Mr. Strong:

I have no very clear conviction
as to Mrs. Willows Straight. I had planned
immediately on my return to seek an
interview & ask her to increase
her \$10000 gift for these years to \$10000
for five years = Total \$50000 & put up
a Willows Straight - Downing. If it
is not too late I could ask her
at the same time to serve on
the Endorsement Committee.

Of course if the Endorsement
Matter needs immediate attention
I can write to her (if you will send her
address) but this would lessen a
little the reasons for requesting an
interview.

Very Sincerely
H. S. Luce

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So I thought it best to share the problem with you.

I realize how much it is costing to do the fine task at Cornell. Fine as it is, one feels that to have a Willard Straight Building at Peking would be equally fine and at infinitely less cost. I had thought you might possibly work it out in this way: Increase the period from three to five years. This would mean \$10,000 a year for the Dormitory Building on \$18,000 a year for the Science Hall. Either would be adequate, but of course a Willard Straight Science Hall at the right of the main Quadrangle would be altogether the finest thing possible.

You see I am enthusiastic. That is true; but quite as much because I see in it one of the finest possibilities for a memorial as because I see it also bears on, in a vital way, the work of a great institution now developing at the capital of China. I think it is potentially a great and, in some respects the most powerful nation in the world.

October 24th, 1922.

If you could compass this during a period of five years, I think you would be justified in this connection by taking the position that Mr. John D. Rockefeller took so often in regard to the Medical School: "For the present my interest in China must be expressed through that institution." In all this important matter, you will be led, I am sure to the right decision.

Should this letter reach you at an especially busy hour, I hope you will feel like putting it aside till a less busy hour may, perchance, arrive.

Only exceptional graciousness and heart interest could have kept you so calm and kind and patient after so full a day as apparently you had yesterday. You had come back to your home with the burden of the Near East, and then I added the Far East! And how different the problems - the Near East so broken up into a myriad of forces, all waging war on each other; China, a homogeneous race with centuries of a common culture back of it, needing only a closer political unity to make her one of the greatest, if not the greatest, power in the world. This close political unity can come only through its student leadership (I am inclined to think largely out of its Christian student leadership), which means that we are aiming at the very heart of the problem in the work Peking University is doing and ought to do in greatly increased measure.

Two of the greatest Christian leaders of China have just arrived in New York, one an American and the other a Chinese. I put this question to them yesterday: Am I overstating it when I say that the building up of Peking University is the most urgent single task in China? Without a moments hesitation they replied that it was way within the truth.

Many times this Fall I have considered just how we might best use your gift of \$50,000 adequately to have a memorial for your husband in the great political, literary and student center of a quarter of the human race, the city where in a real sense he began his great career. The amount was clearly too large to do a little thing with, and too small to do the large and adequate thing.

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You see I am enthusiastic. That is true; but quite as much because I see in it one of the finest possibilities for a memorial as because I see it also bears on, in a vital way, the work of a great institution now developing at the capitol of what I think is potentially a great and, in some respects the most powerful nation in the world.

If you could compass this during a period of five years, I think you would be justified in this concentration at Peking by taking the position that Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. took so often in regard to the Medical School: "For the present my interest in China must be expressed through that institution". In all this important matter, you will be led, I am sure to the right decision.

I have appreciated more than I can tell the privilege you have granted me which enabled me to sit quietly and discuss together in the most friendly and confidential manner matters filled with such vital and inspiring issues. Only exceptional circumstances and heart interest could have kept you so calm and kind and patient after so full a day as apparently you had yesterday. You had come back to your home with the burden of the Near East, and then I added the Far East! And how different the problems - the Near East so broken up into a myriad of forces, all warring war on each other; China, a homogeneous race with centuries of a common culture back of it, ready only a closer political unity to make her one of the greatest powers in the world. This little touch with that lovely white man, the student leadership (I am inclined to think largely out of its Christian student leadership), which means that we are aiming at the very heart of the problem in the work Peking University is doing and ought to do in greatly increased measure.

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Straight

1130 FIFTH AVENUE

November second
1922

Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing for Mrs. Willard
Straight check of \$2,500, being the first
payment on her pledge of \$10,000 for the year
1922 to the work of Peking University.

Yours very truly,

Anne Rogers
SECRETARY.

Enclosure.

*Acknowledged
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PEKING

1130 FIFTH AVENUE

December eleventh
1922

Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing herewith check of \$2,500
being a further payment on account of Mrs. Straight's
pledge of \$10,000.

Yours very truly,

SECRETARY.

Anna Rogue

Enclosure.

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PEKING

1130 FIFTH AVENUE

February fifth
1923

Peking University, Incorporated,
Room 912, 156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing herewith check in the
amount of \$2,500, being a further payment on
Mrs. Straight's pledge of \$10,000 to Peking
University.

Yours very truly,

Anna Rogue

SECRETARY.

Enclosure.

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Journalism

May 12th, 1925.

My dear Mrs. Straight:-

Following up our conversation of a few days earlier, I am enclosing a memorandum regarding our proposed School of Journalism. In attempting to work this out the figures grow to alarming proportions. I feel, however, that you would want to know what would be involved in establishing the sort of school which would worthily preserve the name which we would want it to bear, and shall give the estimates on that basis. I ought, however, to say that these figures indicate the complete cost, and that a very fine beginning could be made with much less expenditure, not only so but most of the money would not be necessary in the immediate future. If the salary and expenses of the one man who I would be able now to engaged could be furnished to begin with 1924, we could have him reach Peking next spring and begin his language and other studies. The staff could be increased in succeeding years and the other items provided for on whatever basis you felt to be practicable. You could either agree to supply the money necessary on an annual basis, with provision for its permanence or transfer an endowment to us. Either arrangement would be equally satisfactory to the University.

Regarding the buildings, you have, as I understand it, already contributed \$30,000 in three annual payments to the construction program for the University. This would, of course, be credited toward the building, and as you will note, represents about one half of its estimated cost. If you feel disposed to complete the amount necessary for this building, we could proceed with its construction to be completed within the next two or three years. The building, however, is not an essential part of the conception of such a School of Journalism, and in any case is not immediately necessary. I am almost inclined to recommend a smaller building, costing not more than \$40,000 in another part of the academic group and having it used exclusively for that one purpose. This is a decision which does not require immediate decision.

I am trying to think of the whole matter in as flexible a form as possible, my dominant interest being the two fold one of having the name of Willard Straight associated with our University and providing our students with the training which ought to mean so much for China under its present conditions. Mr. Straight and you have learned to love the country and its people very much, I imagine, as I have, and this constitutes a bond which, if expressed in some such practical undertaking as this, has a fascinating significance to me. The whole matter, therefore, is more a program that we might attempt to build up gradually if included in your planning than something which requires a large immediate outlet. The only point that calls for decision in the near future is the answer I must give to the very promising young man whom I would name as the best one to secure at the outset.

May I tell you how much I enjoyed my first personal acquaintance with one whom I have looked forward to meeting for several years? I feel that I already know you very much better than is usual after so brief a conversation, and trust that the acquaintance can be renewed from time to time. I should have started for the Coast yesterday, but I am taking a chance on the latest possible train today.

You could either send your reply to me in Peking or I would suggest that Mr. W. Reginald Wheeler, 156 Fifth Avenue, a close personal friend of mine, would be very glad to consult with you at any time. Mr. Wheeler was to have had the Chair of Western Philosophy in Peking University, but owing to his wife's health, has been prevented thus far from returning to China. You would find him a delightful personality, thoroughly informed on the various aspects of this proposal. You can imagine how eagerly I shall be awaiting you.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Willard Straight,
1150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Memorandum

The Projected School of Journalism at Peking University

1. The Need.

Excerpt from the Report of the China Educational Commission,
Section 500, page 297: -

"... few things seem more urgent than the development of a thoroughly strong school of literature (journalism is meant, as the context shows) in connection with some well equipped college or university, which shall train writers for all types of literature, its aim being to prepare thoroughly equipped writers and editors, in whose hands the printed page, be it in newspaper, textbook, novel, magazine, current article or treatise, shall help to infuse all China's life with the Christian spirit and Christian ideals. Special attention should be given also to translating or adapting foreign material. The Commission recommends the establishment of such a school of literature (journalism) in connection with Peking University."

Excerpts from The Journalism of China by Don D. Patterson, formerly Financial Editor and Business Manager of the Shanghai Weekly Review, now Assistant Professor of Journalism, Missouri School of Journalism: -

"Modern journalism in China may be accurately said to have had its origin in the growth of public opinion in China which came as a result of the Revolution of 1911. The majority of the 800 or more publications in the country that appear with a certain regularity were established after this period."

"Up to 1895 there were about thirty-one daily newspapers in China."

"The future of the newspaper and the magazine in China is one offering almost unprecedented opportunities for real leadership and public service, for substantial financial gain, and for mass education. The journalism of

the country is just on the threshold of its possible development, and the work that is being done at the moment is of a pioneering nature."

"The increased interest of the college men and women of the country in the newspaper field is also a healthy sign. The older newspaper men are feeling this interest and are more open to new methods and new ideas than during the past ten years."

(The volume from which these quotations are taken was published in December, 1922.)

"Increased activity on the part of better-trained journalists and more influential publications of the country is undoubtedly one of the real hopes of the nation for future domestic stability and a more secure place among the nations of the world -- a real hope also for all nations concerned with international tranquility."

Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of The Nation, made this statement a few days ago: "Peking is one of the few places where a Professor of Journalism would be of really great value."

Peking University already has students desiring training in newspaper and magazine work; but as yet has no funds to maintain a Professor of Journalism and provide the requisite equipment for this training.

The location of Peking University affords opportunities unequalled in any other Chinese city, for students to have the advantage of part-time connections with newspaper and magazine staffs and of close contact with sources of important news. These two items have been primary factors in giving the Pulitzer School of Journalism at Columbia University, New York, its leadership as an effectual training center for young journalists.

2. Requirements for Staff and Equipment.

For the School of Journalism in its normal development, until it acquires a notably large enrollment, there should be three full-time professors; two of whom should be foreign, at the beginning. There should also be two assistant instructors, who could perhaps be drawn from the recent graduates of the University.

There should be provision for appropriate equipment; which, however, would be relatively small, because the School could and would make use of the facilities offered for practical experience in connection with the Chinese press of Peking. Next to furniture, the major item would be the departmental library, including current subscriptions for newspapers and magazines.

Provision should be made for perhaps two annual scholarships for students in the School, designed to assist undergraduates who give promise of special ability; and for two two-year fellowships for foreign study, available for graduates who show appropriate promise.

Provision should be made for general expenses, including a moderate amount of travel in order that the faculty might make themselves familiar with conditions which the graduates would face in other parts of China. This item should also include a proportionate contribution to the general overhead expense of the University.

As the School and the University grow, it will undoubtedly be desirable to provide a building specifically for the School of Journalism, as a material symbol of the foundation and purpose as well as a shelter for the work, of the School.

3. Financial Provision.

Annual requirements: -

For the staff	\$12,000.
For library	500.
General expense	1,200.
For scholarships	200.
For fellowships	<u>4,000.</u>
Total	\$17,900.

On a basis of endowment: - \$368,000.

For a building 65,000.

Total \$433,000.

4. The foregoing figures do not include provision for furniture for the building. Interest from the investment of the amount for the erection of the building, during the time intervening between the granting of the amount and the completion of plans for actual construction, should be sufficient for the requirements in furnishings. As for the immediate future, the present buildings of the University could be used for the School of Journalism.

5. During the organization period, covering perhaps three years, the budget items for the staff would be something more than actual requirements; because the beginning would be made with a partial staff. It is suggested, therefore, that provision be made for utilizing the temporary surplus for temporary organization requirements of the School, including an allowance to established departments of the University which would be called upon to lend accommodations as well as professorial time to the inauguration of the School of Journalism.

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November 8, 1923

Mrs. Willard Straight
1130 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mrs. Straight:

Following up our conversation of last spring and the statement I submitted to you afterwards, I write now to ask if I may see you again any time next month.

If you are interested in putting into effect the idea under consideration, my suggestion would be that we begin with one American teacher at a salary of about \$2000. An ideally qualified man is available but we act on his case in the next month or two if we are to secure him. There is a second man also available whose salary and travel would amount together to about the same sum, as he would not begin until next autumn. These two items would be sufficient to get the school under way and maintain it during the first stages, and in fact the first man would be enough to start with through next year.

In order to assist you to a decision on the value of this whole matter, may I suggest that you confer with Dr. Paul Monroe or Dr. John Dewey, both of whom have recently been in China and are familiar with the issues involved, or with Rev. Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin who, while lacking technical knowledge of the other two, is in close touch with our program.

Trusting that you will not allow this problem to interfere with the respite from them you should now have,

Very sincerely yours

JLS:18

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March 7, 1924

Miss Anna Bogue
1150 - 5th Avenue
New York City

My dear Miss Bogue:

Merely to confirm our telephone conversation of yesterday, I understand that Mrs. Straight will contribute \$2,000 for 1924, this being the salary and expenses of Mr. R. S. Britton, with the expectation that this will be the beginning of the proposed Department or School of Journalism, to be developed as a memorial to Mr. Willard Straight. I understand that payments will be made beginning this month, and monthly at the rate of \$400 until the amount of \$2,000 is complete.

Thanking you for your part in this enterprise, believe me

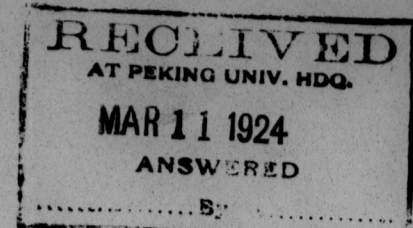
Very sincerely yours

JLS:S

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1130 FIFTH AVENUE

March 10, 1924.



Mr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Peking University,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Mr. Stuart:

Confirming our telephone conversation of March sixth, I am writing to say that Mrs. Willard Straight will contribute during the year 1924 the sum of \$2,000., for the salary and expenses of Mr. R. S. Britton, who will be the professor connected with the initial stages of the proposed Department of Journalism of Peking University.

Regarding your mention of the fact that this is to be a memorial to Major Straight, I am not perfectly certain in my mind whether Mrs. Straight has sanctioned this plan. However, that information can be secured later.

#679
The amount of \$2,000. is to be made available in payments of \$500. each, and I am enclosing now a check of \$500. which is the first payment on account of the \$2,000. I have corrected the figure \$400. in your letter and presume you will do so in the carbon copy that you have.

Very truly yours,

Anna Rogue
SECRETARY

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1130 FIFTH AVENUE

April 5, 1924.

Peking University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing a check of \$500., being a
further payment on Mrs. Straight's pledge to the
establishment of a fellowship in journalism for this
year at Peking University.

Very truly yours,

Anna Bogue
SECRETARY

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May 7, 1924

My dear Mr. Lewis:

In reply to your question about the payments from Mrs. Willard Straight on her pledge to Peking University, I wish to report that on February 8 last, I wrote Miss Anna Bogue at the suggestion of President Stuart, stating that up to that time we had received \$7500.00. My understanding is that Mrs. Straight's pledge was for \$10,000 a year for the calendar years of 1922, 1923 and 1924. If this is correct, there is still due the University \$12,500 to complete the payments up to December 31, 1923.

Very sincerely yours

L. B. Moss

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May 13, 1924

Miss Anna Bogue
1180 - 5th Avenue
New York City

Dear Miss Bogue:

I went as far as Chicago with Dr. Stuart as he started back to China. One of the things which he particularly requested me to do was to send you the record we have concerning the generous pledge of Mrs. Straight to Dr. Stuart, for calendar years 1922-23-24.

The record I find is that up to February 8 last \$7,500 had been received. Inasmuch as I understand the pledge was for \$10,000 a year, it would seem to me that \$12,500 would be due to clear the account up to and including December 31, 1923. I wonder if this agrees with your records.

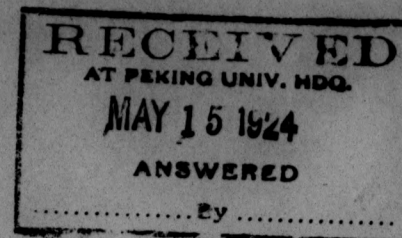
I should appreciate the privilege of calling on you and talking over this matter if it will meet your convenience.

Sincerely yours

Executive Secretary

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1130 FIFTH AVENUE



May 14, 1924.

Peking University,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing check of \$500. from Mrs.
Willard Straight, being a further payment on her
pledge to Peking University for the Fellowship in
Journalism for the year 1924.

Very truly yours,

SECRETARY

Anna Rague

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1130 FIFTH AVENUE

June 9, 1924.

Peking University,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing for Mrs. Willard Straight a
check of \$500., being further payment on her pledge of
\$2,000. to the support of the Fellowship in journalism
at Peking University.

Very truly yours,

Anna Bogue
SECRETARY

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1130 FIFTH AVENUE

June 11, 1924.

Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Sirs:

#736
I am enclosing for Mrs. Willard Straight
a check of \$2500. to be applied on her current
pledge to Peking University.

Very truly yours,

Anna Rague
SECRETARY

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1130 FIFTH AVENUE

October 9, 1924.

Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing for Mrs. Willard Straight check of
\$2500., being a further payment on the commitment which
she has made to the Peking University.

Very truly yours,

Anna Rogue
SECRETARY

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October 11, 1924

Dear Miss Bogue:

In Mr. Lewis' absence from the city, I wish to acknowledge receipt of, and to thank you for, check of \$2500. from Mrs. Straight, a further payment on her pledge to Peking University.

May I suggest that I think Mrs. Straight will be particularly interested in the October "Peking News" which she will receive the latter part of this month. It will contain an article concerning the present war in China. The information on this is secured from one of our own Board of Managers who has just come to America and is thoroughly familiar with the facts involved. He was born in China, speaks Chinese like a native and knows the opposing generals involved.

Cordially yours

Miss Anna Bogue
1140 - 5th Avenue
New York City

Dear Jim,
 Mrs. Straight's pledge
 was for 1924. It is important
 to get her review for the calendar
 year 1925. I am sure she
 is still sick & deal through
 friendly & capable Secretary. I have
 try to get this on a permanent & enlarged
 basis. The present plan is \$2000. per annum.
 J.H.S.

Later I have just
 heard of another journalist
 project in Peking concerning
 which Mrs. Straight
 will probably soon be
 approached. We should
 not delay too long.

Mrs. Willard S. Straight,
 1130 Fifth Avenue,
 New York City,
 U.S.A.

November 1, 1924.

Dear Mrs. Straight:

Since our work started off this autumn I have been wanting to write you something about the Department of Journalism which has just been begun through your generous contribution for Mr. R.S. Britton. You may recall that he had graduated with honors from the Columbia School of Journalism and had won a Fellowship for a year's study in Europe, from where he and his wife came to us. They are both giving most of their time this session to the study of the Chinese language but he is conducting two classes in Journalism and has one of our last year's graduates doing graduate work looking towards a Master's Degree in perhaps one or two years more. Mr. Britton was born, as you may recall, in China and has not forgotten his old Soochow dialect, but is going in for Pekingese. He is showing a wonderful enthusiasm for building up the department. We have also been fortunate in securing another young man, Mr. Vernon Nash, who is for the present being supported by a group of business men in Kansas City. He also is studying the language. With these two, and in time the addition of a Chinese, we ought to be able to do some creditable work, and there is no question of the increasing importance of this calling under present conditions in China. All that we have said to you before is being accentuated by recent developments.

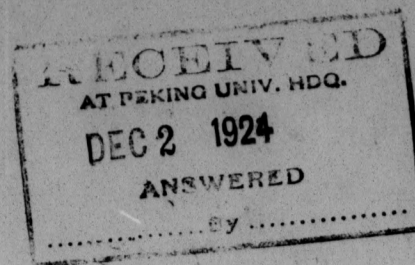
If you are keeping up with the recent news from China you can imagine how interesting it is to be in Peking at this time. Most foreigners of the tourist type and some who are living here are more or less frightened, but you would doubtless enjoy greatly the opportunity to be at the

heart of the present ferment. At last it would seem that some political principles are emerging, and we are no longer subject to the tedious and meaningless conflicts between various military chiefs with nothing at stake but their personal or group ambitions. I shall not go into detail as the situation just at present is quite perplexing, and you will have had news of the outcome long before any comments or guesses that I could make at this time.

I do hope that your health has been steadily improving since I left America last Spring and that you are now much more like your former self. I cannot tell you how deeply grateful I am personally and all who are interested in our University, for the very worth while contribution you are making.

Very sincerely yours,

1130 FIFTH AVENUE



December 1, 1924.

Peking University,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Sirs:

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I am enclosing a check of \$2500., being a further
payment on Mrs. Willard Straight's pledge to Peking
University for the year 1924.

Very truly yours,

Anna Rogue
SECRETARY

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Mrs. Willard Straight

December 4, 1924

My dear Miss Bogue:

We are exceedingly grateful for your generous check for \$2500. on behalf of Mrs. Willard Straight for the support of the University in its Department of Journalism.

In a recent letter from Dr. Luce, I find that the Board of Managers particularly commended the work of Mr. Britton and his associate, Mr. Nash, who are organizing the Journalistic work.

If you are going to be in New York during December, I should count it a privilege to meet you some afternoon if I may be given the opportunity of calling. I will be here nearly all the time though on occasions will be gone for a day or so.

Very sincerely yours

Miss Anna Bogue
1180 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Mrs. Willard Straight

1130 FIFTH AVENUE

December 8, 1924.

Mr. James H. Lewis,
Peking University,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Referring to your letter of December fourth written to me, acknowledging Mrs. Willard Straight's check of \$2,500. for Peking University, I hope I did not misunderstand the situation when I sent this check as applying on the balance of Mrs. Straight's larger pledge to Peking University. ^{\$2000} She made a small pledge for the Department of Journalism of the University just for this last year, *see that file* part of which has been paid, but I do not think the entire amount has been sent to you.

Mrs. Straight has received the report on the work of Mr. Britton and Mr. Nash from Mr. Leighton Stuart.

I shall be very glad to meet you sometime in December when you find it convenient to call. Perhaps, it will be possible just after Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Bogue
SECRETARY

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December 11, 1924

My dear Miss Bogue:

No, you were entirely right in applying Mrs. Straight's check for \$2500.00 on the balance of her larger pledge to Peking University. This has been so applied and our records show that quarterly payments for 1924 on her pledge for \$2000 toward the salary and expenses of Roswell S. Britton was completed on June 10, 1924. The \$2500. which you sent us December 1 applies on Mrs. Straight's Building Fund pledge of \$10,000 a year for three years.

If you will be at home on Monday, the 29th of December, I hope I may have the privilege of calling in the afternoon. I will telephone you at any rate at that time.

Very sincerely yours

Miss Anna Bogue
1130 Fifth Avenue
New York City

X to Journalist
- Mrs. Straight

December 22, 1924

Dear Mrs. Straight:

In carrying forward a special campaign for the Mechanical Equipment and General Expense Fund in which the University is now engaged, there were provided three thousand little lions which we asked friends of the University to purchase in order to give us the fund.

I purchased several of these myself because I wanted a very few friends to have the little replica of the Peking lion at Christmas time. I am therefore sending one to you by this mail and I hope you will enjoy it as we have. It is a very faithful reproduction.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. Willard Straight
1180 - 5th Avenue
New York City

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1130 FIFTH AVENUE

December 29, 1924.

Mr. James Lewis,
Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Mrs. Straight wishes me to convey to you her
cordial thanks for the gift sent her at Christmas time.
She finds the little replica very interesting and appreciates
greatly your thought of her.

Very truly yours,

Anna Bogue
SECRETARY

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1130 FIFTH AVENUE

January 5, 1925.

Done. 2500

Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Attention of Mr. James Lewis

#986

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am enclosing a check of \$2,500., being further
payment on Mrs. Willard Straight's pledge to Peking University.
This pledge covers a period of years and we hope to complete
the full payment of \$30,000. by the end of the year 1925.

Very truly yours,

Anna Bogue
SECRETARY

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January 7, 1925

Miss Anna Bogue
1130 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Miss Bogue:

Thanks sincerely for your check for \$2500, further payment on Mrs. Straight's pledge for Peking University. The suggestion you make as to the possibility of completing the entire \$30000 of the pledge by the end of this year is most welcome, though I realize somewhat the very heavy financial contributions Mrs. Straight is carrying.

Please present my compliments to her and the greetings of the new year, and this letter of course brings them to yourself.

Cordially yours

1130 FIFTH AVENUE

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February 3, 1925.

Peking University,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Sirs:

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I am enclosing for Mrs. Willard Straight her check
of \$2,500., being a further payment on her pledge to Peking University.

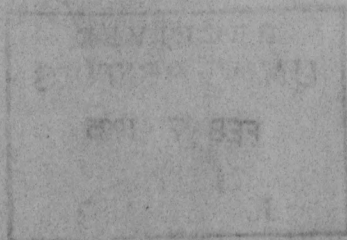
This pledge is in amount of \$30,000. and covers a term of years.

We hope to cover the balance of the payments in full by June, 1925.

Very truly yours,

Anna Bogue
SECRETARY

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1130 Fifth Avenue

February 3, 1925.

Peking University,
113 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing for Mrs. Willard Straight her check
of \$2,500.00, being a further payment on her pledge to Peking University.
This pledge is in amount of \$30,000.00 and covers a term of years.
We hope to cover the balance of the payments in full by June, 1925.
Very truly yours,

SECRETARY

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February 4, 1925

Miss Anna Bogue
1130 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Miss Bogue:

I am sure you will be very greatly interested in the attached preliminary statement which is an ad interim report of the work of the Department of Journalism. It is a confidential copy but I know you will want to read this over because of the support which Mrs Straight has so generously given to Mr Britton as well as her interest in the whole Department.

In view of the fact of your consideration of the matter of helping support the Peking Leader (Mr Grover Clark's paper) you will be particularly interested in paragraph five entitled, "Service to Newspapers."

With warm personal appreciation,

Very sincerely yours,

P.S.- I am enclosing two copies of this, one of which I shall be grateful if you will send to Mrs Straight.

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February 4, 1925

My dear Mrs Straight:

I am enclosing herewith a preliminary, ad interim report of the Department of Journalism, in the support of which you have so generously contributed. I know you will be interested in this "child" of yours in China.

With very cordial appreciation and regards,

Sincerely yours,

To

Mrs Dorothy Whitney Straight
1130 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Pled \$ Letter

1130 FIFTH AVENUE

February 6, 1925.

Mr. James H. Lewis,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you so much for your report on the Department of Journalism at Peking University, to which Mrs. Straight gave her support in the year 1924. I do not feel that I can forward this to Mrs. Straight now, as she is motoring from place to place in California and her movements are very uncertain at present.

Mrs. Straight told me before she left that she would make a pledge of \$1,000. for the year 1925, to the Department of Journalism at the University.

Very truly yours,

Anna Bogue
SECRETARY

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(Times Wide World Photos.)



MRS. LEONARD K. ELMHIRST, FORMERLY MRS. WILLARD STRAIGHT,
With Her Husband, the Son of an English Clergyman, to Whom She Was Married Recently at
Her Home at Old Westbury, L. I.
The Bridal Party Includes the Bridegroom's Brother and Mrs. Elmhirst's Three Children and Three
Nephews. (International.)

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1130 FIFTH AVENUE

May 11, 1925.

Peking University,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly send me a statement for the records of Mrs. Leonard Elmhirst (formerly Mrs. Willard Straight) of the amounts paid on her pledge which has covered a term of years. I would like to receive this record up to the present date, in order to facilitate any future payments to Peking University from Mrs. Leonard Elmhirst.

Very truly yours,

Anna Pogue
SECRETARY

1286

May 16, 1925

Dear Miss Bogue:

In accordance with your suggestion, I am enclosing a statement concerning the payments of Mrs. Leonard Elmhirst toward the support of Peking University.

I would be very grateful if I might call upon you some time before the summer, and talk with you and perhaps with Mrs. Elmhirst about the work which the University is now doing.

With warm personal appreciation,

Very sincerely yours

Miss Anna Bogue
1180 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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MEMORANDUM

Re. payments by Mrs. Leonard Elmhirst (formerly Mrs. Willard Straight)
to Peking University.

On Pledge of \$30,000.00 Building Fund

	Received
November 8, 1922	\$2500.00
December 18, 1922	2500.00
February 8, 1923	2500.00
June 13, 1924	2500.00
October 14, 1924	2500.00
December 2, 1924	2500.00
January 6, 1925	2500.00
February 7, 1925	2500.00
	<u>\$20000.00</u>

On \$2,000.00 Pledge for support Director Journalism Staff

	Received
March 13, 1924	500.00
April 14, 1924	500.00
May 17, 1924	500.00
June 12, 1924	500.00
	<u>\$2000.00</u>

1130 FIFTH AVENUE

June 1, 1925.

Peking University,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing a check of \$3,000. from
Mrs. Leonard Elmhirst (formerly Mrs. Willard Straight)
as a further payment on her pledge to Peking University
which has covered a term of years.

Very truly yours,

Anna Rogue
SECRETARY

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Mrs. Willard Straight

June 3, 1925.

Memorandum to Mr. J. H. Lewis:

Under date of March 30th, President Stuart writes as follows on two matters:

"Regarding Mrs. Straight's money, I see no reason why all of the \$30,000 should not go into the 'general campaign or building fund', only provided that as I wrote you before enough is secured from her to maintain Britton. This ought to be, and I think easily can be, made an additional annual gift of \$3,000."

EMⁿ OK
says

"Regarding Robert Shaw, Chamberlain has been in correspondence with him, and will be glad to have him assist in any way in financial work in America, but we had not thought of his coming to China for a survey, or of any grant beyond at the most some sort of charges for work done in America, to be the first charge against any funds he might secure."

Also under date of April 15th:

Berry Library Building

"The Colby party are in the city now for three and a half very full days. They have been shown our grounds on their way to the Summer Palace, which scarcely gave time to form a good impression as to which was really the Library Building. As a matter of fact, they never saw the hole in the ground and have the impression that the Administration Building is that one. I have offered to take them for a more extensive visit over the camp but they have begged off and are not in the least disturbed, although I was quite frank as to the delay, so you need have no anxiety whatever. They are delighted with the general effect of the buildings and Miss Berry is planning to come out to the dedication. Dr. W. W. Yen is giving them a big luncheon today and they are extremely flattered. They dined with Mrs. Luce Saturday evening and are with us this evening. If I get a chance at that time I shall broach the matter of the additional \$14,000 needed, though in any case it should be taken up in a formal way from your office or through Luce personally, after the work has proceeded somewhat further. Mr. Colby is suffering from indigestion and is generally worried about himself, and somewhat irritable. This fact together with the rush they are in would not make it advisable to more than mention this additional cost."

✓ + file to
Berry

E. M. NORTH

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June 4, 1925

Dear Miss Bogue:

Thank you sincerely for the check for \$3,000 from Mrs. Leonard Elmhirst. We appreciate very much this payment on the account of her current pledge.

They seem to be having quite an outburst in China among the students. Of course, we have known of the possibility of this for some time. Indeed, I have received reports during all this past year which have indicated that some such events might take place. They are being fomented by agents from Soviet. I do not believe that our Peking University will be seriously affected though if it does affect us, it will be on the side of our best Chinese leaders being identified with the constructive groups in trying to curb foolish tendencies and outbursts while at the same time using this national enthusiasm for the creation of a stronger and more serviceable nation.

Very sincerely yours

Miss Anna Bogue, Secretary
1180 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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1130 FIFTH AVENUE

Rec'd

August 3, 1925.

Straight

Peking University,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Sirs:

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I am enclosing for Mrs. Leonard Elmhirst (formerly Mrs. Willard Straight) a check of \$2,500., being further payment on her pledge of \$30,000. to the Peking University which has covered a term of years. I believe the payment of this pledge is almost complete and should be glad to have your verification of this fact.

Very truly yours,

Auna Bogue
SECRETARY

Aug 5

Mr. C. F. A.
Mr. J. H. B.
Mr. L. M. C.
Mr. N. O. D.
Mr. P. Q. E.
Mr. R. S. F.
Mr. T. U. G.
Mr. V. W. H.
Mr. X. Y. I.
Mr. Z. A. J.

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1130 Fifth Avenue

August 3, 1935

Peking University,
138 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing for Mrs. Leonard Kimbrell (formerly
Mrs. Willard Wright) a check of \$2,500.00, being further payment
on her pledge of \$30,000. to the Peking University which has
covered a term of years. I believe the payment of this pledge
is almost complete and should be glad to have your verification
of this fact.

Very truly yours,

SECRETARY

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1130 FIFTH AVENUE

September 9, 1925.

Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

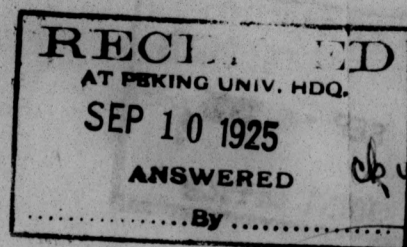
Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing a check of \$2,500., being a further payment on Mrs. Leonard Elmhirst's (formerly Mrs. Willard Straight) pledge of \$30,000. to Peking University, which pledge has extended over a term of years. With this payment of \$2500., there remains now a balance of \$2,000. on Mrs. Elmhirst's pledge of \$30,000. to be paid to Peking University. I shall endeavor to make this payment of \$2,000. in October, completing the pledge in full during this year.

Trusting that this will be agreeable to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Anna Bogue
SECRETARY



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1338 FIFTH AVENUE

September 9, 1931

Received	Sept 10 1931
Entered	✓
Cash receipt made	✓
Pledge card	✓
Follow up card	✓
Checked on list	✓
" " Stencils	✓
Answered	✓
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Almshuset.

I am enclosing a check of \$2,500.00, being a further pay-
ment on Mrs. Leonard Almshuset's (formerly Mrs. William Almshuset)
pledge of \$30,000.00 to Peking University, which pledge has extended
over a term of years. With this payment of \$2,500.00, there remains
due a balance of \$27,500.00. On Mrs. Almshuset's pledge of \$25,000.00
to be paid to Peking University, I shall endeavor to make this
payment of \$2,500.00 in October, completing the pledge in full during
this year.

Trusting that this will be agreeable to you, I am,
Very truly yours,

Charles Popper
SECRETARY



1130 FIFTH AVENUE

October 8, 1925.

Peking University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

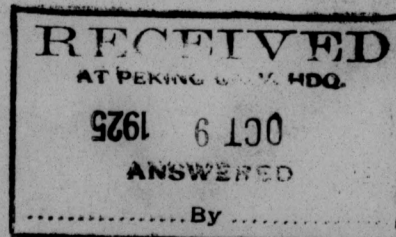
Dear Sirs:

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I am enclosing for Mrs. Leonard Elmhirst (formerly Mrs. Willard Straight) a check of \$2,000., being the final payment on her pledge of \$30,000. to Peking University. This pledge has extended over a term of years and is completed by the enclosed payment.

Very truly yours,

Anna Rogue
SECRETARY



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Hollman's*

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October 14, 1926

Stuart

Miss Anna Bogue
1130 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Miss Bogue:

We are exceedingly grateful to you for your check for \$2,000., completing the \$30,000. pledge to Peking University made by Mrs. Elmhirst. This \$30,000. has more than once during the past years of financial struggle been a clear beacon of hope and surety of success. It has been worth a good deal more than the actual cash involved in the inspiration it has given and the confidence it has applied.

I think I told you that the University has already opened with not only a full enrollment but they have turned away a very large number of applicants. We will have word shortly of the way things look at the Tariff Conference and I will let you know about that.

I am exceedingly sorry that it was impossible for you to see Dr. Stuart before he left, but he was obliged to sail from Seattle on the 8th in order to reach Peking in time for the Tariff Conference October 6.

Sincerely yours

1130 FIFTH AVENUE

November 4, 1925.

Peking University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Attention of Mr. James H. Lewis

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am enclosing for Mrs. Leonard Elmhirst (formerly Mrs. Willard Straight) a check of \$1,000, which she wishes to contribute to the School of Journalism for the year 1925. This is in full payment of Mrs. Elmhirst's pledge for this year to the School of Journalism, as per our letter of February 6, 1925.

Very truly yours,

Aimee Rague
SECRETARY

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November 5, 1925

Miss Anna Bogue
1180 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Miss Bogue:

Thank you very sincerely for your check for \$1,000.00, covering the pledge of Mrs. Leonard Elmhirst to the School of Journalism for the year 1925. I am quite sure if it had not been for the generous help of Mrs. Elmhirst this department would not have been begun, and we are grateful both to her and to you for your help in this way.

Sincerely yours

Taken from discarded file copy
January 24, 1930

E.W.

Copy for Dr. Stuart

Elmhirst

December 12, 1927.

Dr. Timothy T. Lew
c/o Mr. George Gleason
715 South Hope Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Lew:

Your letter of October, 19, enclosing the appeal of August 5 signed by P. C. Hsu and others on behalf of the Truth and Life Journal, has not been overlooked. I wrote first to J.L. Childs, asking him if he would go with me to call on the Finance Committee in charge of Mrs. Elmhirst's benevolences in America. After waiting three weeks and receiving no reply I infer that Mr. Childs was in some other part of the country and that my letter had not reached him or, more likely, that my letter miscarried.

Meanwhile I conferred with one member of Mrs. Elmhirst's advisory committee and found that they would be likely to give a sympathetic hearing to an appeal for \$1000 to cover the needs for two years. Of course, this member could give me no guarantee of a favorable response but he advised that a formal application be made. I, therefore, conferred with President Leighton Stuart and arranged for him to fill out the required application form. It is likely that he will also be asked to make an oral statement.

I think you will agree that it is far better for President Stuart to make this statement than for me to make it since I would, necessarily, be speaking at second hand. If this attempt does not succeed I shall be glad to cooperate with you and Professor Stuart in discovering some other lead.

I beg of you not to overdo in your eagerness to meet the urgent demands upon you. It seems to me you would serve the cause better in the long run by breaking away entirely from all engagements for a month and resting in some secluded part of southern California or Arizona. At any rate I am bold enough to make this suggestion.

Ever sincerely yours,

GMF:DET

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Elmhirst

1172 PARK AVENUE

December 14, 1927.

President J. Leighton Stuart,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Mr. Stuart:

I hear that you are interested in a journal published in China, known as "Truth and Life," and that you are anxious to consult with Mrs. Elmhirst about the possibility of securing from her some grant toward the support of this journal.

As Mrs. Elmhirst's office is still maintained here and I am still with her and endeavoring to cooperate with her in carrying on her various responsibilities, I am always glad to see anyone who wishes to consult with me regarding something of interest to Mrs. Elmhirst. Matters of this kind are taken up at her office here, as usual, and are then referred to Mrs. Elmhirst abroad for her ultimate decision. I am cooperating with a small group or Committee, and when the appeal has been received and taken up by me, we generally discuss it before sending it on to Mrs. Elmhirst.

I shall be very glad to see you tomorrow, at two o'clock, in accordance with my conversation with your Secretary.

Will you kindly arrange to write a letter of appeal direct to Mrs. Elmhirst, which can be addressed to 1172 Park Avenue, and send also with it any material about this journal which you think Mrs. Elmhirst would like to have.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

ATB/M

Anna Rogue
SECRETARY

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