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Rev. E.L. Smith D.D.
287 Fourth Ave.
New York City

Dear Dr. Smith:

I am much interested in the matter of the cooperation of the Princeton University Center in China with Peking University in the Department of Sociology. I shall be in New York on November 5th, and would like to arrange an hour to meet you for conference.

Kindly arrange the hour and place of meeting and notify me here at Princeton.

Yours very sincerely,

Robert R. Gailey
D.H.

Dear Dr. North

Can you not make this appointment with Mr. Gailey & have the conference with him? I shall be at Atlantic City.

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MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW WITH MR. GAILLEY.

June 23, 1920.

Mr. Robert Gailey called on the afternoon of June 23, and informally discussed the proposal that Princeton University cooperate with this University in the work at Peking. Mr. Gailey said that he had received no definite detailed statement regarding the proposed cooperation, and that he would much prefer to delay any final decision on the matter until he had returned to China and could talk over with Mr. Burgess the whole situation. Mr. Gailey expects to sail August 23, and intends to cable to Mr. Burgess to wait for him before leaving Peking. This would bring Mr. Burgess to America sometime in November. The International Committee has authorized his coming to America, so that much is definite.

In regard to Princeton University relating itself directly to the work in China instead of working through the Y.M.C.A. as it now does, Mr. Gailey said that the International Committee had made various concessions at the recent meeting which made the whole situation easier, and that Princeton would continue to work with the Y.M.C.A. during the near future at least. He said further that the Princeton Board of Trustees were not in favor of breaking away from the Y.M.C.A., Mr. MacAlpin, one of the most influential members of the Board, being an especial friend of the Y. However, this Board has voted approving cooperation with Peking University.

Mr. Gailey said that after learning rather vaguely of the present plans for cooperation with Peking University, which would mean that Princeton would furnish Mr. Burgess to the University to head the Department of Sociology, (which might be termed the Princeton School of Social Science), and that the University would furnish another man for this Department, whose time might be available largely for the work of the Y in Peking, he would prefer to have Princeton definitely assign Mr. Burgess to full time work in the Department, and the University supply another man as his assistant, who might take his place in case Mr. Burgess were to be called away. This seemed to Mr. Gailey to be less involved and a less intricate arrangement than the scheme that had come informally from China to him. Mr. Gailey also asked if we would be willing to call the Department a Princeton work if only one man or a minority of the men in the Department were furnished by Princeton. I said that we should much prefer, of course, to have Princeton furnish all the men and take complete responsibility for the Department, but that if this could not be done, we were willing to make any arrangement that would be satisfactory to both parties; the important thing was to secure the union between Peking University and Princeton, and as far as I could speak for the University, I did not put so much importance upon the methods as I did upon the fact of achieving this cooperation.

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MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW WITH MR. GAILEY -- continued.

Mr. Gailey said that he had spent most of the year in cultivating Princeton graduates, and that most of the Princeton men were interested financially in the Princeton Endowment Drive, and therefore were not very approachable from the standpoint of China. The Endowment Drive finished with eight millions instead of fourteen, which was the original objective..

My interpretation of the meaning of the above interview: I judge from what Mr. Gailey said that Princeton will continue to work through the Y.M.C.A instead of attempting to take over the work by itself and relating it directly to the University. The International Committee has made concessions to keep Princeton in its present relation to the Y. This will probably mean that it will be more difficult to influence Princeton to establish a direct relation with Peking University. There seems to be nothing now that we can do until Mr. Burgess comes sometime in November. We should write to Peking to suggest that they consider the whole matter carefully, as the responsibility for formulating the whole plan of cooperation will probably come upon them.

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