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July 28, 1941

Mr. C. W. Evans
Yenching
N.Y.C.

Wrote Answ. Exp. 8/22
Wrote M. Cockingham
8/26

Dear Mr. Evans:

When - due to the war - it became impossible for me to use the round-the-world ticket originally purchased from the American President Line through your Office, I turned it back to the A.P. Line.

For my return passage from Hongkong → America, $165 was kept out to pay for an "Enclosed third" reservation, and the balance of the $270 they say was allowed was returned to your Office. (I am informed by the Co.)

Then my reservation on

the Pierce for late August was canceled, and I was informed that any future sailings would be first class only. I then planned to return third class on the NYK, but recent developments — of the past few days — have made that impossible.

I am therefore forced to take a more expensive booking (am not sure which line) and am pretty hard pressed for funds. *

* Will you, therefore, be kind enough on receipt of this letter to send the entire amount refunded ($105.00?) over to the American Express with the request that they have it available for me at their Hongkong Office before August 3rd. Naturally, I'll cover whatever charges are necessary.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

R. B. Fulton

Paid 5/22/41
Vo. 10064 (122.60)

4044 Y. S.
New Haven, Conn
Dec 10, 1941

ack 12/11/41

Dear Mr. Evans

What incredible and tragic events the last few days have brought!

I've searched every paper for some word about Yenching, but in vain. Have you received any information?

I'd greatly appreciate being put on your list if possible — of those to receive Dr. Stuart's letters and other information. At least half of my spirit's over there with them — especially at this time.

Monday I sent an album of Yenching snaps + the corresponding negatives to Miss Billie Rowland of the World Student Service Fund at 8 West 40th St. I asked her when through to send the package down to you, as I thought you might want to glance at them. If you wish copies, you'll find the snaps have numbers on the back, by which you can quickly locate the negatives in the accompanying albums (142). A few — some of Dr. Stuart's, for example —

were taken by others. So for them there are no negatives available, unfortunately.

Thank you for your help the other day. I'm afraid my freight is gone forever, now. I'm especially bothered that the material I spoke of is in with other papers (put there at Dr. Stuart's suggestion). But I worked over it so much that I think I can put down a great deal of it from memory when I get home this Christmas. There is also a complete copy in Dr. Stuart's hands. So the work may not have been entirely in vain.

Sorry not to have been able to get down with the colored slides. However, I plan to be in NYC with them Friday week (Dec. 19) in the afternoon. If you wish to see them then I'd be glad to stop in.

Sincerely,

R. B. Fulton

December 11, 1941

Mr. R. Brank Fulton
Dwight Hall
404 A Yale School
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Fulton:

I can well understand how you feel about the explosion in the Pacific and I agree with you that it does seem incredible.

I wish I could answer your question about the fate of Yenching with a conclusive reply. The nearest I can come, however, is to repeat what has been issued by the United States Department of State to the extent that the U. S. Embassy attaches at Peking are safe. The Department has interpreted this to mean that all Americans in that area are likewise safe. This would include Yenching, P. U. M. C. and the Catholic College.

You are on our list for those who are to receive any news of recent developments and, as soon as any comes to hand, it will be sent out at once.

On Sunday, I thought of you and the shipment of your personal belongings in Japan. I fear with you that they are lost forever. There is also a question in my mind as to whether personal belongings of Dr. Stuart might be confiscated; but let us worry about that when we know more than mere guess-work.

I shall be very happy indeed to look through these pictures which you are sending down to the World Student Service Fund. We are always hungry for material of this nature. I have no appointment at present for December 19th and will endeavor to keep it free with the hope that we can see the colored slides at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/b

404A Y. S.
New Haven, Conn
ack. 12/16/41

Dear Mr. Evans:

On getting back to New Haven today, I find that one of my exams has been shifted to Friday.

I fear therefore that I will not be able to get to NYC in time to show the pictures Friday afternoon after all.

My apologies for making the date and then breaking it — but I had expected to be all through with exams by Thursday night. And I do hope this has not inconvenienced you.

And if you wish me to do so, I'll make a point of coming down early in January. I've got to take a late train Friday for Illinois.

I'm very sorry.

Sincerely,

Buckminster Fuller

December 16, 1941

Mr. Brunk Fulton
[illegible] Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Fulton:

Sorry to learn from your letter of the 15th that you cannot be with us on Friday.

Please let us know when you get back to New Haven so that we can make another appointment.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Jan 5, 1942
404A Yale Station
New Haven

ack
1/7/42

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave
N Y C

Dear Mr. Evans:

It was good to have a few minutes with you Saturday. And thank you so much for loaning me the $10 — I enclose money order.

I am so enclose 24 more slides which got left out on an ea[illegible] weeding-out process — all of Yerkes (plane or people). You may simply care to run through them.

One word of caution — if I may — they say (Eastmans do) that one should not keep a slide in the heat of the projector-light too long (not more than 10 seconds) for fear of damaging the film. If longer exposure is needed, one should shut off the light for a few seconds, then put it on again. I hope some time to get them mounted between glass — for then it doesn't matter.

Will you also tell your colleague that I will send along some more block and

white pictures in a few days

The 3 negatives enclosed are no's 45 and 46 (3rd negative album).

Awful news about Yale-in-China today — but there may still be a good bit left, (the hospital was made of reinforced concrete) and a cable has come that all the staff had evacuated.

I'll ~~write~~ write the letter re o[illegible]ly conversation also in a few days.

Sincerely,
Brook Fulton

January 7, 1942

Mr. Brunk Fulton
404A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Fulton:

I am acknowledging your letter of January 5th enclosing money order for $10.00, also the additional negatives and slides which you enclosed.

These are all beautiful pictures and you have done a remarkably fine piece of work in the original photography as well as the mechanics of mounting them.

Thanks for your reminder regarding the length of the time-exposures for these films.

Yes, the news from Changsha is none too reassuring. Some of the dear Yale-in-China friends, however, are optimistic in the hope that more of the property will be salvaged than appears in the telegraphic dispatches.

Please do not forget that little memorandum about yourself which you promised to send me at your convenience.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

4044 Yale Station
New Haven, Conn
Jan 10

file

Mr. C A Evans
150 Fifth Ave
N Y C

Dear Mr. Evans:

As I think I said might be the case the Stamford group to whom I'm to speak this coming Tuesday, Jan 13, have urged me to bring some slides along. Their note has just arrived.

Could you please on receipt of this letter send me the red box of slides? If it leaves there on Monday morning it certainly should reach me by Tuesday afternoon, don't you think? If the Post Office thinks it should come Special Delivery — maybe that would be better — send it please to Dwight Hall, Yale Univ. rather than the Yale Station address.

I'll be glad to send it back on Wed. if you wish, for I'll not need the slides again till Jan 27.

Thank you —

— Frank Fulton

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January 16, 1942

Mr. Brank Fulton
4041 Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Fulton:

Thanks for your card and for the return of your slides, as well as the additional pictures and films. We are grateful indeed for your cooperation.

The red box of slides we will mail to you on the 24th. Meanwhile, we are sure there will be opportunity for our giving them further study.

I hope I am not appearing to be impatient when I say that I have been looking for that little sketch you were to write out regarding your own plans. It would be welcome any time.

With the Lord's blessings upon you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for sending the slides. They arrived in good time.

I am returning them tonight together with another album of black & whites. The negatives are also included. On the page of the album - you will discover red number 1-16 - corresponding to the number on the negative albums.

I will need the red box of slides again ~~Tuesday, Jan. 27~~ before if you will please send them then. Sincerely - Brank

The slides are of Jerusalem - Yours - Palestine - Egypt - Italy - Greece - Please feel free to use them

404A Yale Station
New Haven, Conn.
Jan. 15, 1942

ack
1/19/42

Mr. C.A.Evans
Yenching Un. Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

This is to carry out my promise to put in writing certain facts and possibilities, as I see them now, regarding my future work.

As you know, I've been out in China for four years--at Yale-in-China in 1933-35 and at Yenching in 1939-41, with a considerable amount of traveling about the country during vacations. Both experiences meant more to me than I can possibly put in words, so I will not even try to do so. Suffice it to say that China is very decidedly "in my blood", as so many in a similar state put it.

Several friends in China spoke about the possibility of my coming back for permanent work--those you would know best, I believe, being Drs. Stuart, Sailer, Ralph Wells, ~~and~~ Stanley Smith, Porter, and Dwight Rugh. They all thought in terms of educational work and agreed that it would be highly desirable, if not necessary, for me to finish Ph.D. work; hence my presence in this country this year, for it was <u>very hard</u> to leave.

Various possibilities were discussed--notably three: 1) Relationship with Yenching, chiefly in the English department; 2) Relationship with Yale-in-China; 3) Relationship with the Nanking Theological Seminary, probably in a to-be-created department of "Applied Christianity". I was asked by Dr. Smith the evening I left Shanghai to discuss the latter possibility with you and your associates, Drs. Weigle and Latourette, and the Presbyterian Board. My major field in B.D. work at Union was Christian Ethics, as it is now at Yale; I'm especially interested, among other things, in the cooperative movement and the relationship of Christianity and Christian forces to it, and will probably be writing my thesis in that general area.

The above has to do with long-term possibilities. As I said above, I hated to leave China at this time; in fact, if certain letters had arrived in time, I might now be in emergency Red Cross work--a possibility which was put up to me very strongly just last summer in Hongkong by Dr. Robt. McClure. And should there be any special call for war-time service in the Far East for a person without immediate family responsibilities like myself (as yet) I'd find it pretty hard to stay on here studying--important as it does seem.

I'd be glad to amplify the above sketch, in conversation or writing if you wish me to do so.

Thank you for your interest. Sincerely,
Frank Fulton

January 19, 1942

Mr. Brunk Fulton
406A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Fulton:

Your letter of January 15th came to hand Saturday morning and it gives me just the material which I am looking for.

It is one of our purposes here in the office to have a pretty clear picture, if possible, of the plans and work of those who have been interested in our projects in China. This, therefore, is of very great benefit to us and I wish to thank you for it.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Jan 26, 1942

ack 1/27/42

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for sending the slides. They arrived just a few minutes after I wired.

Do you want them back? If so send them if you do, gladly.

Sincerely,

R. B. Fulton

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave
NY

January 27, 1942

Mr. R. Brank Fulton
Dwight Hall
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Fulton:

Replying to your letter of January 26th. Please keep these slides for the time being and I will call for them when we actually need them.

I am glad you received the slides without further delay.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

4044 Yale Station
New Haven, Conn

file 7/13/42

Dear Mr. Evans:

Grand news you sent today — about all but Dr. Stuart and the others who have been detained. I do hope and pray they're not being mistreated. The fact that Sailer is not included makes me feel almost certain that he slipped across the lines — as I know he was planning to do. ~~that~~

And the possibility of opening a Yenching Unit in Free China was most exciting.

This requires no reply — I'm just acknowledging your information letters.

I'll stop in the office on Saturday morning. If ~~the~~ you're through with the other boxes of slides I'll take it off your hands — though there's no hurry whatsoever.

Sincerely,
Frank Fulton

Mr. C A Evans
150 Fifth Ave
N Y C

March 5, 1942

Mr. R. Frank Fulton
Dwight Hall
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Fulton:

Undoubtedly you have received the pictures and slides which we returned to you several days ago. With your permission, we had a number of prints made from your negatives which we are sending you herewith.

You will do us a great favor if you will give us the captions of these pictures writing some on the reverse side. It is our impression that a number of these are about the Oberlin-Shansi work of which we have no photographs whatsoever.

For your convenience, I am enclosing a stamped envelope herewith for the return.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B
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404A Y. S.
New Haven
March 6

ack 3/9/42

Dear Mr Evans:

Hereunto the pictures — with captions.

Yes, I did get the package of slides and negatives — thanks. Sorry not to have acknowledged the receipt of them.

I'll be down about two weeks hence, for a couple of days, I think. If you want me to bring back any of the slides or pictures, just let me know. I've got some others taken back in 1933-5, of Yale-in-China, Yenching, et al that I'll bring along.

Sincerely,
Frank Fulton

Mr C.A. Evans
150 5th Ave
N.Y.C.

March 9, 1942

Mr. R. Frank Fulton
404A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Brother Fulton:

Replying to your card, the only news we have had of the Hungs was contained in a dispatch relayed through Chungking which mentioned Dr. Hung as being detained on the Yenching campus. This word was sent out to the Yenching constituency and unless the mails miscarried both of the Hung daughters should have received it.

We have several letters from Ruth and there are persistent rumors that Dr. Hung escaped to Free China. Surely he should have reported somewhere to some of our people had he been in a position to do so. I had forgotten that Rockford was your home town.

Blessings upon you.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

404A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut
April 1, 1942

Mr. John A. Pollard
Special Reports Division
Coordinator of Information
270 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Pollard:

Your letter of March 24 is before me, in which you speak of my having been recommended by Mr. C. A. Evans of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China for work in China as a representative of the Coordinator of Information. You ask if this is a possibility for me, if I am interested, and also that I send information concerning my experience and qualifications.

The answer tothe first two questions is that I am ready at any time to answer affirmatively a call to undertake work in which I can conscientiously serve my country in this emergency, if my services are needed.

With regard to my experience and qualifications, I am listing below such facts as seem pertinent:

A. Family Background, etc.
1. Born July 6, 1911 in Clinton, Illinois
2. Grew up in Rockford, Illinois where my father is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church
3. Parents--Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Fulton, 621 N. Court St., Rockford

B. Education
1. Public schools through 1928, in Rockford
2. Yale College--B.A. 1932
   a. General liberal arts course (PBK) (French, German, etc.)
   b. Debating team, plus public speaking (various prizes)
   c. Christian Association (President senior year)
   d. Athletics, some swimming, rowing, squash, tennis etc.
3. Union Theological Seminary--B.D. 1938 (Ordained Presby. Ch.)
   a. Studies plus various field work jobs in NYC
4. New York School for Social Research--1938-9
   a. Several courses in economics audited.
5. Yale Graduate and Divinity Schools--1941---working for Ph. D.
   a. Social Ethics field.

C. Travel and Work Experience
1. 1924--Round the World Cruise with parents (Raymond-Whitcomb) --via Mediterranean countries, India, Singapore, China, Japan, Philippines, Guam and South Sea Islands (Fiji, Samoas and Tahiti), etc.
2. 1932-3--Secretary, Dwight Hall, Yale (Christian Association)
3. 1933-5--Faculty, Yale-in-China, Changsha, Hunan, China
   a. Teaching English and helping in extra-curricular activities--athletics, debating etc.
   b. Vacation travel--Japan, South China (Canton, Hongkong, Kweilin, etc.), West China (Chungking, Chengtu, etc.)

Central and North China (Hankow, Nanking, Shanghai, Peiping, etc.)

c. Summer, 1935, returned via Russia (trans-Siberian R.R.), spending two weeks with Sherwood Eddy Seminar in Moscow, Leningrad and on a cooperative farm--going on through Finland, Sweden, Norway, Germany (attending Confessional Church conference at which Niemoller and others spoke), Switzerland (attending and speaking at World Student Christian Federation conference in Basle, visiting Geneva, etc), and France.

4. 1937--Summer--Business-Mananger of Friends' Summer Work Camp at Delta Cooperative Farm in Mississippi.

5. 1938-9--New York City--two part-time positions
   a. Economics Secretary of National Student Christian Movement
   b. St. George's Church staff--social service work

6. 1939-41--Yenching University, Peiping West, China
   a. On Faculty--Lecturer--teaching English and Philosophy, and preparing study materials (on Cooperative Movement, Bible study, etc) for Christian Fellowship
   b. Studied Chinese--speaking and writing with tutor--passing first-year examinations of College of Chinese Studies (Peiping Language School)
   c. Vacation travel--Japan, Korea, Manchuria, Jehol, Shansi, Shantung, Shanghai, Honkong, and then back into Free China last fall (flying across lines, and traveling in Kwangtung and Hunan--in Changsha and Hsiukuan during bombings of September 25 and 27, etc.)
   d. At Yenching, lived for several weeks with Pres. John Leighton Stuart, taking confidential notes on his life and activities (unfortunately in shipment of freight which landed in Kobe after the fund-freezing of July 23rd).

Having become deeply interested in China, I have thought seriously of returning for permanent work, probably in the educational field. I was accordingly advised strongly by Dr. Stuart and others to return to this country last summer to finish Ph.D. work, in which I am now engaged. I hope to be able to pass the preliminary examinations this May, which would complete residence requirements, leaving only the thesis, which can be done either at Yale or in absentia.

Should you wish references, I would suggest--at Yale, Pres. Charles Seymour, Prof. K.S.Latourette and Prof. C.W.Mendell (formerly Dean)--and at Union Theological Seminary, Pres. H.S.Coffin and Professors H.P.Van Dusen and Reinhold Niebuhr.
+ J. F. Green, C.S. Campbell Jr. & Harry Price - in Washington D.C. + Hussey + Lobenstine

I trust this is the kind of information you had in mind.

Very sincerely yours,

Addendum: - speaking + writing on China
+ N.H. Clapping - report of speech
+ Hongkong article on Hunan bombings

404A Yale Station
New Haven, Conn.
April 3, 1942

Mr. John Pollard
Special Reports Division
Coordinator of Information
270 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Pollard:

In reading over again a copy of my letter to you of April 1st, I noticed a few omissions of information that might be of some use:

1) With regard to the reference, on page 2, to my studying Chinese, the course included reading as well as speaking and some writing.

2) With regard to references, a few other names might be added, of people closely connected with work in China:

a.) Dr. Edward H. Hume
c/o Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work
156 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.

b.) Dr. Edwin H. Lobenstine
c/o China Medical Board (of Rockefeller Foundation)
Rockefeller Center, N.Y.C.

c.) Mr. B.A.Garside
c/o United China Relief
1790 Broadway, N.Y.C.

d.) Mr. EugeneBarnett
c/o Y.M.C.A.
347 Madison Avenue, N.Y.C.

e.) Mr. Y.C.Wei (Chinese)--a colleague in China
600 West 122nd St., N.Y.C.

f.) Mrs. R.C.Sailer (faculty of Yenching University
99 Claremong Avenue, N.Y.C.

3) I was a member of the Sherwood Eddy Study Seminar in Washington D.C., in 1939.

Sincerely yours,

404A Yale Station
New Haven, Conn.
April 3, 1942

Mr. John Pollard
Special Reports Division
Coordinator of Information
270 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Pollard:

In reading over again a copy of myletter to you of April 1st, I noticed a few omissions of information that might be relevant:

1) With regard to the reference, on p. 2, to my studying Chinese, the course included reading as well as speaking and some writing, of course. I have not yet mastered the language but I got far enough along to be able to get around the country with no difficulty and to acquire something of a "feel" for the langugae and to be fascinated by it. I am looking forward to going on with the study--a process which friends in China tell me goes on indefinitely.

2) With regard to references a few other names might be added, of people closely connected with work in China:

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99 Clarement Ave., N.Y.C.

3) I was a member of the Sherwood Eddy Study Seminar in Washington D.C., in 1939.

Sincerely yours,

404A Yale Station
New Haven, Conn.
April 14, 1942

ack 4/21/42

Mr. C.A. Evans
150 FifthAvenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

It was good to have at least a few minutes' conversation with you last Saturday; but I wish I could have stayed a bit longer.

The enclosed copy of my reply to Mr.Pollard's letter may be of some interest. I'm deeply interested in the project if it's something in which I can really be of help; no reply to date.

May I again state my situation for your information. Were it not for the intensification and spread of the war that has taken place since Dec. 7, it would seem that a clear "priority" for me would be to finish the Ph.D. work in the spring of 1943. You may perhaps recall my discussing that with you before.

With things as they are, it seems clear that I should be ready and willing--and I am--to undertake emergency work that I can conscientiously perform if I am called to so by government, school or church. I am, as you know, technically exempt under the selective service act; but I have no wish whatsoever to use that as an excuse for not doing my part if my services are needed.

On the other hand, the reasons that led me to leave China (following the advice of Dr. Stuart, Sailer, etc) to finish my graduate work(at a time when staying on would have been far more interesting)-thinking of long-term rather than short-term usefulness--have led me to carry on at least through this academic year, so as to get the residence requirements taken care of. I had originally planned to take the "prelims" in October (inasmuch as I got back so late), but I am now--in view of developments--aiming at taking them in May.

If there is a job to be done--as for example with a "refugee Yenching", of which you were speaking Saturday--that you all think I should undertake in China during this period (or somethink connected with red-cross, relief, coops, reconstruction, etc.) please remember that I am "on tap". The thesis could be polished off on my next visit to this country; my advisor tells me that the University would certainly grant an extension on the normal time limit (1944 in my case) if I were to undertake anything that would come under the heading of "war work".

— an exciting development!

Sincerely,

Frank Fulton

I didn't give your name as a reference as you had already been so kind as to recommend me. — All news about Yenching is greatly appreciated!

April 21, 1942

Mr. Brank Fulton
404A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Fulton:

It was exceedingly gracious of your to send me copies of your communications to John A. Pollard. It is also greatly illuminating for us to have this data available. I take it that you desire us to have this information in our files.

You certainly have covered the situation most thoroughly and I shall be surprised if the coordinator of information does not come back to you for a more thorough study of your case. Quite naturally, it is a service which you can render to the whole cause of Christian civilization if the opportunity is really offered. You are eminently fitted to take care of such an assignment and it warms my heart to note your very cordial and sympathetic attitude.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

404A Yale Station
New Haven, Conn
April 24, 1942

ack 4/24/42

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter.

I have an appointment with Mr. Pollard at 2 o'clock Saturday (tomorrow), so am coming down in the morning. I will take the train from here at 10 and arrive at 11:38 and would like to come to your office for a brief conversation if you can possibly spare the time. I'll call as soon as I arrive to make sure. If you're too busy or have other appointments, all right; but if you can spare a few minutes I'd greatly appreciate it.

not there

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Fulton

Saturday

Act 4/29/42

Dear Mr. Evans:

I'm so sorry to hear of your father's passing away — you have my deepest sympathy in this time of bereavement. May He be with you.

I came right down to your office — to find that you had gone to Grand Central! I should have phoned, but the train was late and I thought I'd better come right on down. It was awfully good of you to take time off to try to catch me.

What I wanted to talk about was briefly as follows:

If this coordinator business doesn't develop-

or some other request come, I'm thinking of volunteering for some other form of emergency work in a war area. (perhaps ambulance driving) Other things being equal, I'd of course prefer — greatly — that it be in China.

Is there emergency work (that you know of) for the sort of service I could give in any branch of China work — educational, red cross, food relief, prisoner work — under the Comm. Colleges, YMCA, Church, Quakers, etc. etc.

I'm not aspiring for a job (as, were it not for the war, I'd want to go on with my studies) — rather am

there emergency-war-needs that I could help in meeting in the Far East? If so — as I said before — I'm "on tap". If not, I plan to think about possibilities for service elsewhere as of late summer or early fall.

Please don't let this be a burden. If the answer is "no" — that's all the reply that's needed. If "yes", some slight indication of their character, & whom to get in touch with would be greatly appreciated.

Again, my deepest sympathy. Sincerely,

Frank Fulton

April 29, 1942

Mr. R. Brank Fulton
404A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Fulton:

I have before me your note written last Saturday and I wish to thank you most heartily for your words of sympathy. Fortunately, father was ill for only four days for he, of all men, would have been most miserable during a protracted illness. He has joined the long line of his notable ancestors.

I am sorry that through some aberration of sight I missed you Saturday morning. I cannot imagine how it happened.

I note that you qualify the "coordinator business" with an "if." My own impression is that if I have rightly judged this opportunity it presents one of the finest methods of serving that I know of. With your experience in China, coupled with your natural aptitude for photography and art, as well as writing ability, you are certainly well equipped to make a major contribution toward helping solve the world's problems.

Conditional upon the failure of this program for yourself, comes the question as to service here in America as I do not visualize at the present time the possibility of your getting out to China other than in Government service. I say this with my fingers crossed as one cannot tell the exact trend of events. At one time I had visions of having the pleasure of working with you in our organization. Definitely there is an opening appearing, but it is my understanding that Dr. Decker has talked with you and that your purpose of continuing your education would seriously interfere with our plans. On this side of the Pacific, I know of no better place for you to serve China, but it means something of a more or less permanent nature. It is because of your desire to continue your studies that I have not pressed this matter, feeling that, above all things, the full and complete preparation for your life work is paramount.

In these few brief lines, I have endeavored to give you a partial

answer to your question. Were we able to sit down and talk together, I am sure, you would be able to see more clearly what I have in mind.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

404A Yale Station
New Haven, Conn.
May 1, 1942

Ack 5/9/42

Mr. C. A. Evans
N.Y.C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your good letter.

The "if" had to do with the Coordinator - not with me. I had a very interesting talk with Mr. Pollard on Saturday - discovered I was on a sort of "approved list", but that it was very uncertain if and when my services would be needed. They are yet to hear from their representatives in China, I believe. As to any abilities I might have - you are far too generous.

Regarding the Assoc. Bds, I wish it had been possible to have a talk with you. Briefly my studies and any aptitudes I may have, as I tried to say to Drs Decker and Hume, have led me and my closest friends to feel that my life work should be in school or church (or both) either in China or this country. And so

it has seemed wise to get academic requirements for both fulfilled (i.e. B.D. & Ph.D.). I've become increasingly restive the last few months, however — with the feeling that I ought to join the rest of my generation somewhere where the bombs are falling — hence my deep interest in any possibility of war work in the Far East (or the Near East or Europe for that matter — though I'd of course prefer China) — as an emergency war-work, actively. Otherwise, at my age, it would seem unwise to put off the doctorate studies ~~work~~ any longer — in view of the need for getting into a life work. (I hope to be through my residence work in June — which would leave only the thesis.)

But I'm deeply interested in the work you're doing, and want to be of any help I can now or in the future.

I hope to be down early in June, and perhaps you'd do me the honor of having lunch with me — perhaps Chinese? — when we could have a general talk.

Power to you all,

Sincerely,

Brank (Fulton)

Ask direct 5/5/42

P.S. Another small contribution as once before. Will you please send a receipt to — The Rev. Bradley F. Skinner — for — the Vernon Memorial Church, Glenbrook, Conn. and some of your material. They're quite well off (the church) and potentially active supporters, I think, of China cause.

The receipt should be to the Church — c/o Mr. Skinner

May 5, 1942

Mr. R. Brank Fulton
404A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Brother:

Thanks for your letter of May 1st and the money order enclosed. We have acknowledged this gift to the Union Memorial Church of Glenbrook and sent them an official receipt.

I am suggesting, for the time being, that you continue your year's work having in mind clearing up as many loose ends as possible during this current year.

As soon as our Annual Meetings are out of the way, I would like to have you come down for a conference, provided that the United States Government does not capture you first.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

404A Yale Station
New Haven, Conn
May 28, 1942

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6/1/42

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave
NYC

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your interest and counsel last Monday - even somewhat.

I've withdrawn from the Friends Ambulance Unit (with the hope I haven't upset their plans too much) and plan to start on the dissertation within a few days.

This is just a note of information and doesn't need a reply, as I know how busy you all are these days.

Sincerely,
Frank Fulton

Ack- 6-29-42

404A Yale Station
New Haven, Conn
June 26

Dear Mr. Evans:

I was glad to receive the "High Tide" bulletin this morning. It's well done — and a real tonic. Congratulations to those responsible, please.

Have been wondering if there've been any developments since our conversation about a month ago. There's no rush at this point — as I'm not in the Travel Unit and am going on with the studies. However if the proposition you spoke of has been — or should be — "negatived", I'd like to know so as to make other plans for war-time work.

I plan to be in New York next Friday — and possibly Thursday also — and can stop in at 150 if convenient for you.

Sincerely,

Frank Fulton

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave
N. Y. C.

June 29, 1942

Mr. Frank Fulton
404A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Fulton:

I shall be very happy to see you on Thursday or Friday, and unless I hear from you to the contrary shall reserve part of Friday morning for a conversation with you.

According to our latest information from China, our Yenching friends are anxious that you should join them in Chengtu. However, their emergency budget does not provide for the support of any foreigners. So the immediate question in your case, and in the cases of several other American staff members now in this country is where to find the necessary funds to finance your travel and your salary.

I sincerely hope that Yenching will not lose your services permanently. I can understand your desire to get into active wartime work, and I hope that it will be possible for you to do so as a member of the staff of a Christian College in China. You may be sure we will do everything possible to bring this about, or to assist you in any other way you may desire.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE:JP

404A Yale Station
New Haven, Conn.
June 29, 1942

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Just by way of information — I find I'll not be able to get to your office before Monday or Tuesday of next week (July 6 or 7). If either of those days is more convenient for you, could you drop me a card? Otherwise I'll simply call by phone when I reach the city.

Sincerely,

Frank Fulton

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave
N.Y.C.