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September 13, 1940

Dr. Charles Gilkey
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Dr. Gilkey,

We have just received a cable from Yenching University in which we are asked to inform you that your son Langdon has safely arrived at the University. The cable also informs us that Yenching has had a successful opening, with an enrollment of one thousand and seventy. This is the largest enrollment in the history of the institution, and will no doubt be augmented later.

All the information we have received from letters and from staff members arriving in America indicates that Yenching has remained peaceful despite the growing tension in North China. I hope that it may this year have as satisfactory a period of service as it has enjoyed during the past three years of operation under similar conditions.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MS

Secretary

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The University Chapel

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September 24, 1940

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Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

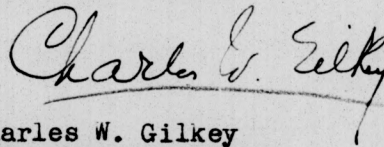
Dear Mr. Garside:

Your thoughtful letter of the 13th brought good news to Mrs. Gilkey and me with its word of Langdon's safe arrival at Yenching University. We are most grateful to you for notifying us so promptly of the cable, and very happy in the news of the encouraging opening of the year.

We have had letters already from Langdon in Japan, indicating that he had a very pleasant voyage and more opportunity than he had expected to see the sights in Japan.

My summer neighbor, Dr. H. E. Fosdick, has given us his copies of recent confidential report letters by President J. L. Stuart on developments both at Yenching and in China generally. Dean S. D. Wilson had earlier loaned us his copies of similar letters. We should greatly appreciate it if you could put us on the regular mailing list to receive all such documents from now on, at the address below. You will understand the eagerness with which we shall follow all ~~all~~ accounts of developments in Peiping during Langdon's two-year term of teaching there.

Cordially yours,



Charles W. Gilkey
5802 Woodlawn Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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The University of Chicago

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

October 9, 1940

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Mr. B. A. Garside
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Garside:

In view of the ominous news from the Far East, Mrs. Gilkey and I would welcome any word you can send us at any time about developments and decisions at Yenching. You will, I am sure, understand our interest in any news you may get that bears on the present situation there. Am I right in thinking that the Americans on the staff are not likely to follow the new advice of the State Department, unless and until the Japanese authorities interfere with their work?

Cordially yours,

Charles W. Gilkey

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September 26, 1940

Dr. Charles W. Gilkey
5302 Woodlawn Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Gilkey,

In the same mail with your letter of September 24 we received another of President Stuart's confidential letters to his Trustees. I am enclosing a copy of it herewith. It is a particularly interesting letter, and offers a brightening hope for the future, even though the months just ahead are likely to be increasingly difficult. We will be most happy to add your name to the little group of friends with whom we share these intensely interesting communications which Dr. Stuart sends us from time to time. You and Mrs. Gilkey will find these letters of special interest, now that your son, Langdon, is on the Yenching campus.

It was a real joy to hear you at the Riverside Church last Sunday, and to have the privilege of meeting you and Mrs. Gilkey after the service. (I was one of the ushers who had charge of the "reception line" after the service.) These are days in which Christianity has its supreme opportunity - and nowhere in the world is that opportunity any greater than it is in China just at this present moment.

Very sincerely yours,

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October 11, 1940

My dear Dr. Gilkey:

We can appreciate the concern with which you and Mrs. Gilkey are watching the disturbing news from the Far East. But from all the information we can secure, we trust there is no immediate cause for alarm.

Apparently the Japanese government is now sincerely trying to avoid any hostile acts toward American citizens and American interests in East Asia. And certainly the United States is desirous of maintaining peaceful relationships, so long as those relationships do not involve treachery to another friend to whom we also have obligations - China. The only serious possibility of trouble, it seems to me, lies in the chance that Japanese militarists, beginning to realize that they have failed hopelessly in their attempt to conquer China, may deliberately provoke a war with America and Britain as preferable to the disgrace of being defeated by China alone.

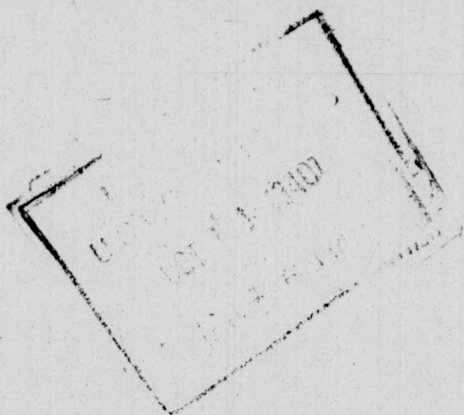
Yenching has long been facing such a possibility as may now exist, and has done everything possible to prepare for any eventuality. It has for several years been understood that if at any time it becomes impracticable to continue academic work in Peking, the University will move to the west where most of our Colleges have already gone, and where they are out of reach of the Japanese (except for occasional bombings). Plans are laid, and funds are ready, for such a move at any time Dr. Stuart considers such action necessary. That would be the more probable course of action if trouble starts in Peking, though of course it might be found wise to have some American members of staff return to America rather than join such an arduous westward trek.

The Yenching position now, as always, is to carry on, but to be on the alert and ready for any emergency. We earnestly hope that none will arise. We will keep you informed of any developments of special interest.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Charles W. Gilkey,
Rockefeller Memorial Chapel,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

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January 7, 1941

Dean Charles W. Gilkey
Rockefeller Memorial Chapel
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Gilkey,

Upon receiving your note of January 4, I checked up to see why you failed to get the latest of the confidential letters from Dr. Stuart. Obviously our office slipped up on this, so I am sending you herewith copies of Dr. Stuart's latest letters. We will see to it that all future communications reach you more promptly.

We are glad to know that your son Langdon is becoming more and more enthusiastic about his life and work at Yenching. These are strenuous days for all of us. Some of the most decisive struggles are being waged, and victories are being won, at such places as the campus of Yenching University, rather than the battle fields of Europe and Asia.

With every good wish for the New Year, I am

Very cordially yours,

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July 3, 1941

Dean Charles W. Gilky
Rockefeller Memorial Chapel
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Dear Dr. Gilky:

Your telegram came to hand this morning and agreeable to your request we cabled Yenching as follows:

"Pay Gilky \$50 American deposited University account."

Including address and signature this totals eleven words, which was sent deferred, costing us \$4.84. The total amount, therefore, is \$54.84, as covering cost of the transaction.

If at any time you have advance information regarding requests of this nature, we can make the deposits and notify the Field with the prospect of getting a letter through to North China within approximately 3 to 4 weeks. Apparently this was a hurry call where speed was necessary.

Mr. Garside is temporarily loaned to the United China Relief and as Acting Executive Secretary I am carrying on in his stead.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS
Acting Executive Secretary

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July 10, 1941

Mr. Charles W. Gilkey
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Gilkey:

Just to clear our records and to assure you that your letter of July 5th came to hand, I am acknowledging the check for \$54.54 covering the money and cable sent to Yenching for your son.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS,
Acting Executive Secretary and
Associate Treasurer.

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The University of Chicago

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 4, 1941

Ack. 1/7/41

Mr. B. A. Garside
Trustees of Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

I understand from Mrs. Truman Potter, formerly of Yenching, that she has a recent bulletin from President Stuart which came by the "Mariposa", describing present conditions there. It may be that I shall receive it in due season, because I understand that I am now on the mailing list for the reports: but I write to ask for a copy as soon as may be convenient, since I have not yet received it. Meanwhile Langdon's letters are more and more enthusiastic about his life and work at Yenching.

with all the season's greetings,

Cordially yours,

Charles W. Gilkey

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The University of Chicago

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

July 5, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Thank you very much for your promptness in cabling \$50 to our son Langdon at Yenching, as requested in my wire of the 2nd, and for writing me so fully on the 3rd. I enclose check for \$54.84 to the order of Yenching University, covering the cost of the transaction.

I appreciate and shall follow your suggestion about any later remittances by mail.

Cordially yours,

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The University of Chicago

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

October 18, 1941

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Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Our letters from our son Langdon at Yenching have, as you will doubtless know from your own China mail, been greatly upset during recent months. We did not hear from him at all for over eight weeks; and during the last two months letters dated all the way from June to August have come very irregularly. By curious coincidence, although we have had several letters of later date from him, the one that we are sure would have acknowledged our remittance of \$50 cabled him through you on July 3, has not yet arrived.

A later letter brought by an American past the censor and mailed in Oakland, says that while prospects are on the whole somewhat brighter, he is one of several faculty men to agree that if there is trouble with Japan, they will percolate out into Free China together and up toward Chung-King, rather than risk a concentration camp. We do not much like the news from Tokyo during the last few days, and want to be sure that with the rising cost of living in China, he has some cash in his pocket to buy food, if such a journey should unhappily prove necessary.

I understand that in spite of the freezing orders on both sides the Pacific, you have found ways of remitting funds to Peking so that the University could open as usual. If it is still possible to do so, will you kindly cable Langdon \$100 at deferred cable rates, and notify me by return mail the total charges involved in the transaction. I will send you check for the total amount by return mail.

Mrs. Gilkey and I both very much appreciate your help in this and in the previous remittance, and continue to hope that the work at Yenching may go forward undisturbed. You will I am sure understand our desire to insure our only son against what we still hope is the "off chance".

Cordially yours,

Charles W. Gilkey
Charles W. Gilkey

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The University of Chicago

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

October 23, 1941
10/27/41

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you very much indeed for your understanding letter of the 21st, which has heartened both Mrs. Gilkey and me. We have had no word from Langdon since October 1st when letters came on the same day dated June 27 and August 23. We are glad to know that your financial connections with Yenching are unimpeded, and that your latest advices are not too threatening.

I am happy to enclose check for \$103.87 to the order of Yenching University, which I hope covers the entire expenses of the transaction. If not, please let me know at once.

We miss President Stewart's confidential report letters greatly, and hope that you will send us any information that bears on conditions and work at Yenching.

Cordially yours,

Charles W. Gilkey

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Charles W. Gilkey

*P.S. A cheerful letter came 5-day from
Langdon dated Sept. 4 - C.W.G.*

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Mr. Charles W. Gilkey
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Gilkey:

Immediately upon receipt of your letter of the 18th, which came to hand yesterday morning, we cabled the field as follows:

"PAY GILKEY ONE HUNDRED AMERICAN"

As the U. S. Bank Account is in full operation, they should be able to do this immediately. The cost of this cable was \$3.87.

Under ordinary circumstances, a reply should have been received within two months. However, we received eight letters on October 18th dated in China between July 3 and July 15, - all of them very important. From this record, almost anything can happen to our mail.

Yenching is still carrying on and from information which we have received, there is every indication that Japan does not wish to bring on war in the Pacific. Naturally any gains she is able to make by coercion and bluff will be done. The trouble is that it is possible for her to take too long a stride and becoming involved with the United States Navy. Hope does not go very far these days, but we are also praying that Yenching will be able to carry on even in the event of supreme difficulties.

If, by any chance, a letter is received by the Bursar acknowledging the \$50.00, I shall let you know at once.

I can well realize how you and Mrs. Gilkey feel and our office will cooperate in every way in helping you lighten the burden.

May the good Lord be with you in the work you are doing.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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OCT 29 1941

October 27, 1941

Dr. Charles W. Gilkey
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Gilkey:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 23rd enclosing check for \$103.87 covering cost of cable and remittance to Langdon. I am very happy to learn that you received a communication from him indicating that he is still optimistic and carrying on at Yenching.

Saturday morning and this morning both brought letters from Dr. Stuart, and I am hoping for permission from the Yenching Trustees to release these to a limited number of Yenching friends. They are along the same line of thought as previous communications, but it takes Dr. Stuart's vocabulary to properly embellish his ideas. I should think I might be able to trust you with copies anyway as soon as the letters are duplicated.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 10, 1941

Dr. Charles W. Gilkey
The University of Chicago
Rockefeller Memorial Chapel
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Gilkey:

Let me answer your letter of December 9th by passing on the latest word we have from Peking. It is the latest and only word since last Saturday when a cable from Leighton Stuart stated that conditions at Yenching were unchanged and that they would continue the University work unless war broke out, but meanwhile they were preparing for emergencies. The next day came the Japanese blitzkrieg and we have been kept in suspense in the hope that no news indicated that Yenching and its staff were safe.

This morning we received a telephone message from Washington stating that the State Department had released a present dispatch stating that the attaches of the American Embassy at Peking were safe and that the Department interpreted this to mean that this included Yenching staff, P. U. M. C. and any other foreigners in that immediate vicinity. This news is not definite enough to issue a bulletin to the Yenching Trustees, but the Far East Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference has sent Dr. Searle Bates to Washington as he was the outstanding individual at Nanking who carried the University through the trying days of 1937-38.

We are putting the pressure upon Dr. Bates to get news through as rapidly as possible and any new developments will be reported at once.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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The University of Chicago

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 9, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

You will understand the keen interest which Mrs. Gilkey and I have under present conditions in any news whatever that you may receive from Yenching. Our last letter from Langdon, dated October 8 and received December 1, was cheerful and as usual enthusiastic about his work. He had got word to us previously by a letter brought out by a returning traveller, and mailed in Honolulu, that in case of trouble he and other members of the faculty were going to sift out into the hill country, and head for Chungking rather than risk Japanese internment. If you should receive any news shedding any light on this or any similar possibilities, will you not let us know?

We should be grateful also for your opinion, whether radio messages by the "Missionary Mailbag" can still be sent, and what the prospects are for regular mail. In other words, is it worth while to keep on sending letters each week to Yenching?

I can guess what your concerns and difficulties must be these days, and do not wish to add to them.

Cordially yours,

Charles W. Gilkey

Charles W. Gilkey

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The University of Chicago

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 25, 1942

Dear Mr. Evans: -

Margaret Hayes reports that you have very little hope left that any of the American Faculty got away from Yenching to West China; and that Mrs. Sailer, in spite of her very hopeful letter to us a month ago about her husband and our Langdon as probable travel-mates, has reluctantly come to the same conclusion. We still keep the door ajar in our own minds and hearts, though we recognize that the sheer passage of time without any word has greatly narrowed the opening.

In this probable situation, as indicated in your circular letter of April 9, have you any light on ways of getting funds into their hands for food and other necessities? As you know, we sent a special remittance with your help by cable to Langdon late in October, but have never heard from him about it. Our last letter from him, dated Oct. 25, reached us on his birthday Feb. 9, apparently via India. We have sent him, on the chance, an air mail letter and check care the American consul at Chungking, and a letter care Rev. Paul Abbott air mail to Hanyang at Mrs. Sailer's suggestion; and this week 25 words vis the Red Cross, to Yenching.

Have you any other suggestion, about either mail or funds?

Cordially yours,

Charles W. Gilkey
Charles W. Gilkey

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

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April 27, 1942

Dr. Charles W. Gilkey
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Gilkey:

I have been very much aware of the optimism regarding several of the families who have staff members at Yenching University. I have never encouraged it, but the Lord forbid that I should destroy it. Seemingly time has answered the question.

We have on deposit with the State Department in Washington a sufficient amount to pay all United States citizens on the Yenching campus the sum of \$65.00 per month to be disbursed through the Swiss Government representatives. Both the State Department and the International Red Cross have notified these individuals by cable of the money available. These cables, of course, have been transmitted through the good offices of the Red Cross organization.

There is no official information at hand at present that any advances have been made, but we have not been very solicitous regarding the welfare of those interned on the campus as Miss Grace Boynton who is now located at Chengtu received a letter from one who had visited the Yenching campus and which contained a paragraph about Earl Wilson. Professor Wilson has a family in Southern California and Miss Boynton dispatched a message by way of the Ventura Listening Post. It indicated that Mr. Wilson was in excellent health, securing adequate food, and was carrying on a physical development schedule which was benefiting him greatly. Word from Shanghai has indicated a tolerant attitude on the part of the Japanese.

All things considered, we feel that for the present at least we can be confident that the Yenching group is being treated with consideration. In our contacts with the State Department, we have been discouraged from making any attempt to get funds through to occupied territory other than outlined above.

It is a very interesting coincident that Langdon's letter should reach you on his birthday. Things do happen like that occasionally. In this case, it must have warmed your hearts to have it occur in this very significant manner.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 14, 1940

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Gentlemen;

I am very much interested in some sort of teaching work in China next year and upon the recommendation of a friend who has just returned from there, I am writing to you to find out about the opportunities in that sort of work. I will be more than willing to send a resume of my college record upon request, and hope to be able to get down to New York for a possible interview sometime in March. Since this is my senior year, however, I am anxious to collect all the information I can before then about what I can do in the meantime to secure some sort of position.

My interest in working in China has grown out of contact with several children of missionaries', whose tremendous interest in the future of China and **desire to** return there to work has convinced me that ~~that~~ teaching there is the sort of work that I should like to do for the next two or three years. Consequently I would appreciate very much any information on this subject which you might be able to give me.

I hope that this will not be too great an inconvenience/

Thank you,

Sangdon B. Gilbey

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 24, 1940

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Mr. Joseph I. Parker
 Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Parker:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning teaching jobs in China. I must admit that I had feared that the situation over there would make such jobs rather scarce, and had written to you to find out just how scarce they were. Despite the difficulty of an optimistic view, however, I am still hopeful, and so am forwarding for the sake of your files the information which you requested.

You spoke of my background. Taking that in its broadest sense I will tell you something about my immediate ancestry. My father is Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, the Dean of the University of Chicago Chapel; formerly he was the minister of the Hyde Park Baptist Church in Chicago. My mother is Geraldine Brown Gilkey, at one time the National President of the YWCA. My uncle is the Rev. James Gordon Gilkey, the pastor of the South Congregational Church in Springfield, Mass.

But perhaps you were referring to my own educational background. I prepared for Harvard at the Asheville School for Boys in North Carolina, where I was lucky enough to graduate magna cum laude. At Harvard I have concentrated fairly heavily in the field of Philosophy, and it is in that subject that I feel the most at home, and so would be the most able to teach effectively. My grades so far in college have been: freshman year - 3 B's and 2 A's; sophomore year - 3 B's and 1 A; junior year 1 B and 3 A's; and senior year 1 B and 2 A's. The total in course credits is six and one-half A's and seven B's.

In athletics I have played more tennis than anything else although I was on the soccer team at prep school. In freshman year I played on the freshman tennis team, and then was fortunate enough to be on the varsity in my sophomore year. During my junior year I was the captain of the varsity tennis team and this year I hope to join its ranks again. I was also the captain of the combined Harvard and Yale tennis team that defeated Oxford and Cambridge in their biannual match in England last summer.

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In extra-curricular work I have concentrated most of my efforts on Phillips Brooks House, which is the social service organization of the college with some four hundred members. We provide numbers of volunteer workers for settlement houses in Boston, volunteer tutors for youth too poor to go to college, and generally try to assuage the strain between Harvard and its community surroundings by social service work. Sophomore year I was chairman of the Speakers Committee, junior year I served on the Senior Advisory Committee, and this year I have been president of the Association. Other rather minor activities at college have been the Glee Club for two years, several spontaneous student committees of various sorts and a place on the Governing Board of Harvard Athletics as the representative of the minor sports. At present I am honored by the nomination for class marshall, although I concede myself little chance of being elected to that office.

As I said before, philosophy is the field in which I have done most of my work and which I know by far the most about. I feel that with a certain amount of warning I could handle almost any subject in that field provided that it is not too far advanced. I have also been very much interested in History and English and think that I might be able to swing an elementary subject in either of those two fields. I wish to emphasize, however, my comparative grasp of philosophy, for that is the field in which I could do by all odds the best job.

Again let me thank you for your kindness in answering my letter. I hope that the above is the information that you desire; I shall be more than glad to forward any other data that you may want. I plan to be down in New York during our spring vacation, and will certainly make a point of coming around personally at that time, which will be the first week in April. Thank you again for your trouble.

Sincerely yours,

Langdon B. Gilkey

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February 17, 1940

Mr. Langdon B. Gilkey
Phillips Brooks House Association
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Gilkey:

I have before me your letter of February 14, with the request for information about teaching in China.

It is very difficult for us to be optimistic about placing anyone in a teaching position for next year. This is due to the fact that the Colleges are on an emergency basis. Ten of our twelve institutions are refugee schools away from their campuses, and under these conditions are not making requests for appointments to their faculties, except where emergencies arise. This has resulted in reducing the normal number of requests, and so far this year we have had none from any of our Colleges.

We will be glad, however, to have the information which you suggest sending in, so that we may put it on our active file. Then if anything in the way of an opportunity arises, we will be able to get in touch with you quickly for further information. If you will send in the information which will enable us to know a bit of your background and the subjects in which you are prepared to teach, we will see that this is kept before us.

If you should come down to New York sometime in the next few weeks, as you suggest, we will be glad to talk with you further about possibilities.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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March 1, 1940

Mr. Langdon B. Gilkey
Phillips Brooks House Assn.
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Gilkey:

Thank you very much for your letter of
February 24 and the information contained therein.
We will keep this before us on our active file.

Should anything of interest come up, I
will get in touch with you at once.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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25, 1940- from Dr. Stanley D. Wilson

May 29, 1940

Mr. Langdon B. Gilkey
Eliot House, L-31
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Gilkey:

I have just had a letter from Dr. Stanley D. Wilson in reference to a cable received from Yenching regarding the possibility of your going out to Yenching this Fall. I am very happy indeed to know that such an arrangement is being considered, as I remember with interest your conversation with me in the office some weeks ago. A covering letter on the cable received from Yenching is no doubt on the way, and final arrangements will need to be made as soon as that letter is received.

In the meantime, some tentative steamer reservations should be made as the sailings this summer are pretty well taken up. If you will let us know what your plans are and whether you wish to have us make arrangements for you, we will be glad to cooperate with you in any way possible. It will probably be necessary for you to have the regulation medical examination before completing final arrangements.

This examination can be taken care of in Boston through the office of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions at 14 Beacon Street. Dr. Mark Ward at that office is one of the members of the Associated Medical Office who handle our examinations. You might make tentative arrangements for the examination, pending the arrival of the letter from Peking.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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June 28, 1940

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Mr. Langdon B. Gilkey is
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We believe Mr. Gilkey to be fully entitled to receive
a clergy fare certificate.

Very truly yours,

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My dear Mr. Parker, F 7/1/40
Finally after travelling all around the East
for three weeks I have settled down here in
Maine until I sail. Thus any news or instructions
which you may receive for me, may be sent
me at this address up to August second or so.
I spoke with Dr. Fairfield yesterday, and
I believe that all the necessary arrangements
(medical work, transportation etc) are being made
through the office at 14 Beacon Street.
Thank you for your letter
Sincerely, Longdon Gilkey
West Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

WESTBOOTHBAY HARBOR, MAINE

July 19, 1940
Ach 7/27/1940

My dear Mr. Parker,

At the suggestion of Mr. Wilson who was here in Boothbay with us a week ago, I am writing this note to you saying that I am definitely planning to go to Yonkers this fall. I understand that as yet no definite word has been sent to Yonkers concerning my acceptance, and so I wonder if you could include such word in one of your cables to Peking. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Langdon B. Hilkey

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My dear Mr. Parker,

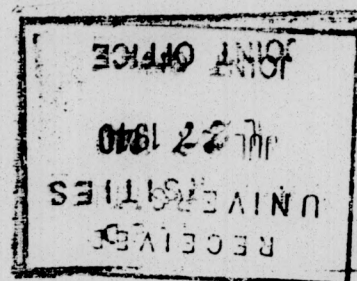
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time in order to get some 8/2/40
information about the financing *gdp*
of my trip to Yenching, which
we are in the process of arranging
now. In Mr. Sholick's letter
from Yenching of May 24th, which
you may have seen he says
the following about this matter:
"For a three-year term we pay
travel expenses out and $\frac{1}{2}$ of
return travel and give an outfit
allowance of U.S. \$50. In case of
a shorter term the travel

and outfit allowance are proportionately less." Thus I am writing to find out just what that last statement means, for as you know, I am going for the two and not the three year term. And also, if this does mean that part of my expenses will be provided, how and when will it be provided?

I wonder if you could advise me on this matter up here in Maine. Thank you so much; I hope all this isn't too much of a bother.

Sincerely,

Langdon B. Gilkey



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July 27, 1940

Mr. Langdon B. Gilkey
West Boothbay Harbor
Maine

Dear Mr. Gilkey,

Mr. Parker is away from the office this week, so I will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 19.

We are delighted to know that you are now definitely planning to go to Yenching this fall, and are to-day cabling the University to that effect.

We understand that the American Board has kindly made the necessary arrangements for your outgoing journey, so there is probably no special service our Yenching office can render in connection with these arrangements. But if we can be of help at any point, please feel free to call upon us. I assume that through the American Board you are securing clergy certificates to use in connection with your railway travel across the United States. These certificates enable you to save approximately half of the cost of your railway travel.

If we can be of assistance to you at any point, we should be happy to serve.

Very sincerely yours,

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August 2, 1940

Mr. Langdon B. Gilkey
Juniper Point
West Boothbay Harbor, Maine

Dear Mr. Gilkey:

Your letter of July 25th was awaiting me on my return from vacation.

It is very unfortunate that we have received no letter in this office from any one in Peking, giving us instructions concerning your arrangements. This is particularly awkward in that they have failed to give us any authorization for advancing funds, and our understanding with them is such that we cannot do this until such authorization is received.

There has been no copy received in this office of the letter to which you refer, sent from Yenching on May 24. However, on the basis of your quotation from that letter, I would suppose that the arrangement is as usual, and that your travel allowance would be the travel expense to Peking and two-fifths of the return travel when you come back at the end of two years. Also the outfit allowance would be figured on a two-thirds basis. ($\frac{2}{3}$ of \$50.)

The only thing I can suggest is that you proceed with your arrangements to go to Peking, advancing whatever money is necessary to get you there and rendering an account to Dr. Stuart for the travel out and the two-thirds of your outfit allowance. At the same time, you can make arrangements with him as to the understanding regarding the ratio of the return allowance. Had we received authorization from the field, we would be in a position to advance this money here, and it may be that such authorization is in the mail and may be received at any time. In such case, I will let you know at once.

When are you planning to sail?

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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Dear Mr. Parker,

8/6/40.

Thank you for your letter about
travel arrangements + finances. I shall
find out the proportional clearance when
I get there and make the according
arrangements with my father here who is
paying the passage - a perhaps. Perhaps
might then make those adjustments through
your office. I plan to sail on the Hokawa
from leaving Seattle August 12. I leave
home Wednesday the 7th, Yours,
J. C. C. C.

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