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March 1, 1928.

Prof. George Henry Chase, Ph. D.,
Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences,
Harvard University,
Cambirdge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Chase:

I received a letter dated January 26 from President J. Leighton Stuart of Yenching University, who is now in New York. In this letter he reports the completion of the organization of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and incloses a copy of a statement regarding the same which had been prepared for the press in America. He asked us here to prepare a similar announcement for the Chinese and English press in Peking. We have noted that you are one of the trustees of the Institute and so, I am the most ready to write to you with regard to the matters indicated below.

In passing I may remark that the completion of the plans for the institute is a matter of special interest and satisfaction to me personally. Some three years ago I was a member of a committee which prepared tentative plans for the Yenching end of the enterprise. Shortly thereafter I returned to America, and in June last I completed two years of doctorate study at Harvard. While there, I met Professor Wood and others who were interested in the plans for the Harvard-Yenching Institute then developing. Much of my own research was carried on in the Chinese room of the Widener Library, and Mr. Kai Ning Chiu the Chinese librarian who arrived during my last year of study, represented so I understand, the beginning of the Institute's work at Harvard. I may add that at one time I discussed the affairs of the proposed Institute with President Lowell.

I am writing you today with respect to the plans of Professor William Hung of our Yenching staff with regard to his work at Harvard during his leave of absence for the next academic year. In the letter from President Stuart to which I have already referred, are the following sentences:

> "Meanwhile, the Trustees of the Institute desire that Messrs. Porter and Hung be definitely released for the coming session to spend their time at Harvard and enter into a close association with the group there who are interested. This applies also to Baron Staal-Holstein. Mr. Hung is to be granted a leave of absence in any case. The request is that he make Cambridge his base and be there for such consultation as other plans he has in mind may permit."

Also, a recent cable from President Stuart announced that he had completed plans for Professor Hung's further study at Harvard.

We are not fully advised as to just what arrangements President Stuart may have made with regard to Professor Hung's Plans, but in the meantime it seems worthwhile to write to you with regard to some aspects of the proposed plans. Professor Hung has already written to you and has showed me a copy of his letter.

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The remarks which I have to make below are based in part upon data concerning the program of work at Harvard as outlined two years ago. When I returned to Yenching last summer I brought with me a number of copies of the register of Harvard University. I have before me Vol. XXIII No. 32, entitled, "The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences" for the academic year 1926-27. I also have Vol. XXII, No. 28, "Division of History, Government and Economics", for the academic year 1925-26. If more recent registers record extensive modifications in the program for graduate work then perhaps to that extent what I have to say does not apply.

It would seem to us here that in the ainauguration of the Harvard-Yenchin Institute there should be an extension of courses and opportunities for research in history and related fields pertaining to the far east, China, Japan and other oriental regions. Prof. Hung and I in studying these announcements have found very few courses dealing with history or related topics in the far east, and very little mention of opportunities for research in these fields. I have discussed not a little with Prof. Hung and their plans for his graduate study and in order that such study may be in line with his own interests as a Chinese scholar and in line with his future work in Yenching, it would seem to us important that there be for him at Harvard opportunities for sutdy and research outside of the field which we have found indicated in these announcements. With respect to study for the doctorate degree in history I find on pages 103 and 105 of the register I have in hand certain general regulations governing candidates for this degree. If in Prof. Hung's case these regulations are rigidly applied they would seem to render impossible, or at least difficult, any extensive study in oriental fields, I am wondering, therefore, if there might not be some modification of these regulations to fit his requirements.

It may be that already, in view of plans for the Harvard-Yenching Institute, you are expanding the scope of study and research in the Department of History, and in connection therewith are modifying the regulations governing doctorate study. If such revision is already underway, of course, what I have said is probably irrelevant.

I would like to add a word or two with regard to Prof. Hung's personal qualifications. We regard him as one of the most brilliant of the members of our faculty and suggest that in order for his study at Harvard to be thoroughly profitable he should be given opportunity for advanced courses in oriental studies andconsiderable individual research. He has an unusually fine command of the English language and during his former years in America was very acceptable as a public speaker, and had considerable experience on the lecture platform. During the present year, since he has been relieved of his Dean's responsibilities he has given himself in part to research and has become deeply interested in it. For these reasons I have desired to write you with regard to him and his plans and have urged him, in view of my own very profitable years at Harvard, to undertake study for the doctorate degree.

I may say in this connection that as far as offering courses at Harvard to interest occidental students in oriental studies is concerned, Prof. Hung would be fully as well qualified as Prof. L. C. Porter or Baron von Stael Holstein, mentioned in the quotation

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from the letter from President Stuart, I have written to President Stuart suggesting that Prof. Hung might be asked to give some courses while at Harvard, but I have not yet heard from him. Of course, if Prof. Hung gave some time to teaching, his period of study at Harvard for the doctorate degree might have to be prolonged. This would be a sacrifice from the point of view of Yenching for we would like to have him return to his place here as early as possible, but from the point of view of the successful inauguration at Harvard of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, I feel that such a contribution as he is qualified to make would be extremely valuable. In his letter to you naturally he has not mentioned this aspect of the matter, and it is possible that any extensive amount of teaching would not fit in well with his plans for study. If any arrangements with regard to this matter are to be made I will leave them to you in consultation with President Stuart or others who may be interested.

With best wishes for the success of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, both at Harvard and at Yenching,

Very sincerely yours,

Howard S. Galt
Acting-president.

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

March 6, 1928.

Memorandum to Dr. Eric M. North

The following are excerpts from a letter dated February 9, 1928 from Dr. Galt to Dr. Stuart which relate to theHarvard-Yenching Institute and are so quoted to you for your information:

TRANSFER

"The Harvard-Yenching Institute. The earlier cable of January 6, which I think I have already acknowledged, and your letter of January 6 with inclosure, bring us full and very welcome information with regard to the consummation of the plans for this institute. You are certainly to be congratulated on the splendid results of your long and patient negotiations. As soon as your letter was received, I communicated with Messrs. Porter and Hung and found that they had received letters dealing with various aspects of this same matter, and the letters of the three of us were passed around and read by all. I took early occasion also to report to Vice-PresidentWu, Mrs. Frame and Mr. Chuan and others more immediately interested, the good news. We were just ready to prepare statements for the press, both in English and Chinese, when upon turning to the Peking Leader on Tuesday morning, I found that the whole matter was disclosed in a column or more beginning on the front page, the material being taken directly from the Christian Science Monitor, a copy of which had evidently reached Peking as soon as your letter reached us. This enterprise on Mr. Clark's part, seemed to make unnecessary any further announcement in the English press.

Mr. Wu is preparing something for the Chinese press. He and Mr. Hung seemed to agree that it should be of a very general nature, not going into detail, such as the press statement which you inclosed does.

Yesterday here in the office we had a conference attended by Vice-president Wu, Dean Frame and professors Porter and Hung, these four being the Yenching members of the Administrative Committee in Peking named in your letter. We consulted with regard to the necessary steps which should be taken here. One question was as to whether we should send formal word to the five members of the Administrative Committee not directly connected with Yenching, and whether the committee as a whole should be asked to meet in connection with the present situation. On this question your letter was not specific. As we conferred yesterday on the subject, it was the general agreement not to call a meeting of this committee at this time, allowing this matter to await your return, unless we have direct word from you authorizing this step. In view, however, of the announcement in the Peking Leader with regard to the Harvard-Yenching Institute, the members who conferred yesterday felt that it was only fair to send a communication to the five members of this committee not connected with Yenching, informing them of the general situation, and of the way in which the publicity in the Peking Leader took place before any communication could be prepared for the press in this office. It was felt that it would be only courteous to send such word to the members of this committee, and I am asked to prepare such a message. This I hope to do today or tomorrow.

Those of us who conferred yesterday found some difficulty in interpreting the paragraphs on the second page of your letter of January 6. We could not be sure whether the additional half million dollars endowment which you mentioned is for all of the undergraduate work of the University, or only for that in the Chinese department. Also we were not clear as to suggestions for the budget for next year which you indicate might come from this office. As yet, nothing has been done to cover Harvard-Yenching items in next year's budget beyond the statement of status quo which appears in the mimeographed budget, copies of which have already been sent to you. We will have further conference on this matter of the budget when we get a little more time. I think that Lucius is definitely planning to go to Harvard next year, and I am leaving it with him to take the matter up with Baron Holstein. I have also consulted frequently with Professor Hung on the subject and he finds that plans are difficult to make until he hears from you more in detail, especially in answer to the letter

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which he wrote you on the boat when we were hourneying to Shaghai, which letter he allowed me to read. In this connection I may say that both he nad I are a little puzzled as to the arrangements for teaching at Harvard which you suggest. You say that Messrs. Porter and Holstein will be expected to give some courses and that Mr. Hung should make Cambridge his headquarters and be available for consultation. Personally, it would seem to me more important for the successful initiation of the enterprise at Harvard if courses were given by Professor Hung. Additional interest as it seems to me might be aroused in such course by the very fact that they were given by a Chinese of such high qualifications. However, we leave this whole matter to you and you will probably deal with it in replying to Mr. Hung's letter.

The $2500 gold intended to complete the purchase of the marble pillars and so forth here, has not yet been called for as Mr. Chuan has not been able to consummate the deal. He has the matter in hand and will go forward as soon as opportunity offers."

"The Commitee on the Yenta Publication Series. Mr. T. C. Chao has already left Yenching to attend the meeting at Jerusalem, expecting to be absent during the rest of the semester. I presume you have already heard of the plan arranged for him to travel and speak in England more especially to student assemblies. In view of this he handed in his resignation as chairman of the Yenta Publication Series committee, and the Executive has taken action appointing Professor Hung to act in his place as chairman and elected Dr. L. T. Hwang as another member of the committee. In the early autumn I had conferences with Dr. Chao on the work of this committee, and he felt that very little could be done as long as the Commercial Press took the attitude of accepting manuscripts only on the basis of prospective commercial advantage. We feel, as others also feel, that perhaps in some way the responsibilities of that committee can be merged with the interests in publication of the Harvard-Yenching Institute as these develope. In this connection I may say that I have in mind to put in Professor Hung's hands copies of my thesis and other research results connected with my study in Harvard last year. It is possible that some of this material may be considered for publication."

"The University Press. In the copy of the minutes of the General Faculty Executive which I enclose you will find a reference to the purchase of the Salvation Army Press. The equipment of that Press is offered for sale in an advertisement in the Peking Leader, and Mr. Chuan has thought that it may be worth while for the University to investigate the matter. He states that the University was negotiating with the Commercial Press in Peking for the location of a branch of their printing establishment at Yenching a year or so ago, but that those negotiations broke down because of the disturbed condition of affairs. Mr. Chuan and others think that in view of the larger publication interests of the University in connection with the Harvard-Yenching enterprise that the University Press might be more deisrable than ever. Hence these inquiries."

Dr. Stuart's letter of January 6th stated, in reference to the budget-"I shall try to suggest in the near future a budget to the Institute trustees to cover our local plans for the next year, but in the meantime shall be glad to have suggestions from your office. The thought is that during the coming session our undergraduate work be carried on and such graduate studies as naturally develop instead of waiting until a year later for the definite inauguration of the Institute with its complete initial staff of teachers." In connection with the additional endowment Dr. Stuart wrote:"It also seems practically assured that we will have the additional half million dollars endowment for which I asked. This is intended to cover all our undergraduate work in China and in general to enable us to function as we should in this relationship. The endowment will be controlled by the Institute trustees; the income to be paid regularly to our own trustees, contingent only upon our maintenance of satisfactory courses in the Chinese department." Under date of December 28th I believe I gave you the excerpt from Dr. Galt's letter of November 3rd regarding the press. On February 21 a cablegram was sent that arrangements for Mr. Hung's study at Harvard had been completed. K. J. L.

HARVARD-YENCHING
INSTITUTE

TRANSFER

March 8, 1928.

Mr. C. F. Biddle,
Graduate School of Business Administration,
Harvard University,
Soldiers Field, Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Biddle:

From correspondence with Mr. Johnson of the Hall Estate, I find that it is probably unlikely that any of the amounts they have in mind for the Harvard-Yenching Institute or for any of the individual colleges will be paid until May, when Mr. Johnson returns from Europe. This will make it rather too late to forward funds to China for the current fiscal year, which ends on June 30th.

Accordingly, it seems to me that I ought to call upon you for the check for $8,000. which Dean Donham left with you and which is to cover salary amounts for the period January 1st to June 30th of this year.

If it should prove that the Estate, making payments to the Institute, should pay an amount that would represent interest from January 1st to June 30th on the amounts especially designated for the undergraduate work of the University, I would expect and understand that from this interest we should return to the funds under Dean Donham's care $8,000. Of course, if they do not make this interest provision, the amount will stand as a charge against the funds held by Dean Donham, as it was intended to be the case in such an event.

I hope the reports from Dean Donham indicate that he is enjoying his sojourn on the banks of the Nile and that his return in May will find him thoroughly refreshed.

Cordially yours,

Secretary.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

(NICORPORATED IN 1889 AS PEKING UNIVERSITY)

PEKING, CHINA.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Mar. 9, 1928

To the Committee in Charge
of Harvard-Yenching Institute,
Yenching University
c/o President Stuart

Dear Sirs:

Professor Hsu Ti-shan, who is teaching part time in the Department of Sociology, is contemplating an Anthropological expedition to the Fuchien province to study the social conditions of the Min aborigines. Enclosed you will please find a brief plan of this expedition as prepared by Prof. Hsu Ti-shan. The importance of such an expedition is heartily endorsed by the Department of Sociology. We earnestly hope that the financial request can be granted.

Very sincerely yours,

Leonard S. Hsu

Leonard S. Hsu
Chairman

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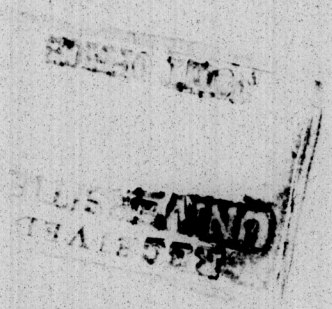

For Central Office.

HARVARD-YENCHING
INSTITUTE

March 9, 1928.

Dear Dean Chase:

I am today in receipt of a letter from Mr. Porter in reply to mine reporting the outcome of our conferences on the Harvard-Yenching Institute early in January. You will recall that Messrs. Porter and Hung are the two members of our staff whom we are recommending for residence at Cambridge next session. In general, Mr. Porter reports keen satisfaction on the part of those in Peking most interested and an eager desire to co-operate along the lines suggested. He and Hung have evidently had animated discussions as to their part in the plans that are being made. The survey of sinological work being now carried on in China has been begun. Suggestions have been sent to Professor Woods in Europe regarding possible sinologues. Porter has written somewhat informally to Hu Suh. The seal seems to be satisfactory.

We are going ahead with the purchase of Chinese books putting emphasis upon source material that is in danger of disappearing.

Both Porter and Hung are quite ready to spend next year at Cambridge. I suggest, however, that you send each of them and Dr. Hu a letter inviting them as from Harvard. They are a little disturbed as to whether my letters are the final and only communication and whether I am writing as an individual or as representing the Institute. You could speak both on behalf of the Institute and the Harvard group interested in this project, and I am sure, especially in the case of the Chinese concerned, such a letter from yourself would be very acceptable. I suggest that you do the same with Baron von Stael-Holstein. It might be well for you to make it clear to Porter especially that it is our desire that he spend the whole year at Cambridge.

Porter is also a little concerned as to the precise work we want him to do. He makes it clear that he does not regard himself as in any sense an accomplished research scholar. Is he to be a sort of secretary for the Institute or a promoter of its interests or a teacher of some phase of the subject, etc.? I have suggested to him that he function as an Executive Secretary in Peking for the studies of American students and for discovering, translating, and passing on to Harvard research and other cultural material that it would be of value to make available for Western readers? Is it desirable that these men have any appointment from Harvard University next session?

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Porter suggests that he might offer, if so desired, a course which would be in effect a survey of Chinese Thinkers and a special study of Mo Ti or Mencius. Hung could offer courses on Chinese history or on various phases of modern developments in China. The Baron has his new material in Buddhist mythology or work in Sanskrit or Thibetan philology.

The men in China agree with us that little should be undetaken until after extensive conferences next year at Cambridge. They will, meanwhile, be collecting relevant information and in general preparing themselves for their part of the program.

This letter confirms our expectations that all concerned are striving for the same objectives and have very much the same ideas for developing the project, as its potentialities become increasingly attractive.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. Leighton Stuart

Dean George H. Chase
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

24 UNIVERSITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

March 9, 1928

HARVARD-YENCHING
INSTITUTE

Copy sent to Cook - 3/20/28

Dear Dr. North:

At last I have caught Sachs long enough for a discussion of the suggested budget for expenditure in Peking, which you sent me on February 11. I hope the long delay has not made difficulties for you. In general Sachs and I heartily approve the proposals in your letter, but we should like to raise the following points. Under salaries, would it not be wise to arrange for only <u>one</u> new appointment in history at $3,000 silver, instead of the two which are proposed? The point in our minds is that after the group is together here next fall we shall have much clearer ideas as to what appointments are necessary to expand the teaching at Yenching, and it would be wise to go a little slowly in this first year. Second, we wondered what the item,

"Rent (only to extent required) $2500 silver - $1250 US$"

was meant to cover. We do not question the item, but are curious. We entirely approve a library appropriation of $15,000, since it is very clear that this is the time to build up the library.

In regard to "Items involved in Cambridge budget relating to staff now in China", we make the following tentative proposals, and would like to know how they appear to you:

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Supplementary allowance to Professor Porter to cover living expenses in Cambridge.....	$2,000
Supplementary allowance to Professor Hung to cover living expenses in Cambridge.....	2,000
Supplementary allowance to Baron Holstein to cover living expenses in Cambridge.....	3,000
Supplementary allowance to Professor Hu Shih to cover living expenses in Cambridge.....	6,000
Travel from Peking to Cambridge for Professor Porter.....	1,500
Travel from Peking to Cambridge for Baron Holstein.....	600
Travel from Peking to Cambridge for Dr. Hu Shih..	600

The differences in the supplementary allowances must, of course, be explained. We went at the matter with the idea that in general Professor Porter, Baron Holstein, and Dr. Hu Shih should have about the annual salary of a professor here, which is $6,000 on first appointment. If Professor Porter has his salary of $2750, a travelling allowance of $1500, and a supplementary allowance of $2,000, the total is $6250. Baron Holstein, we understand, will have at least $3,000 on the basis of the allowance made to him for the calendar year 1928. The supplementary sum of $3,000 would bring his salary for the academic year to $6,000, and Dr. Hu Shih, we think, should be put on the same basis. In regard to Professor Hung, it seemed to me, in view of President Stuart's recent communication, that it might be wisest if the Institute granted him a fellowship of $2,000. This would leave him free to pursue work in the Graduate School towards the Doctor's degree, and if he has his salary from Yenching, it would, I hope, be enough to give him a satisfactory

year. We dislike a little to make a fellowship more than $2,000 since we probably shan't want to exceed that sum for fellowships which are later granted for students from China to spend a year at Harvard.

When I look over these calculations my one serious doubt is whether the supplementary allowance to Professor Porter to cover living expenses in Cambridge should be made somewhat greater. Your suggestion of a travel allowance of $1500 for him reminds me that, I think, you said he is married and would bring his wife with him. Possibly, therefore, the supplementary allowance should be increased in his case.

I hope you will give me very frankly any criticisms that occur to you. Sachs and I don't want to seem niggardly, but at the same time we think it essential that the salary range shall not be made too high in the first year.

I hope all this is clear, and that everything is covered. If it is not, of course you will let me know. Inquiry at the office of Ropes, Gray, and Boyden in Boston today brings the news that the bill before the legislature to allow the Institute to hold more than two million dollars has not yet come out of committee, and they propose to follow things up to see if it cannot be pushed through fairly soon. Sachs and I both rather dislike to be in the position of making so many arrangements when the Institute has received no money, but we are assuming that two million dollars is assured. We certainly are not planning to spend the income of anything like that sum on our present basis. The legal people seem to think it wise to wait a little longer so that if the bill passes

the legislature, the trustees of the Hall estate can be informed that we are authorized to hold funds up to any amount; and we may not thus be in the invidious position of asking for two million dollars and then informing them that we can hold more if they wish to give it to us. I think this is good judgment, but I shall be happier when the negotiations are complete.

One other point I should like to emphasize at Sachs's suggestion - namely, that the budget arrangements for next year ought all to be regarded as arrangements for only one year, and not as commitments for a series of years. This, I think, would be understood anyway, but we both feel so strongly that next year will be an experimental year that we don't want in any way to feel that we are committing the Institute for later years.

With apologies for my long delay, which was not easily avoidable, I am

Sincerely yours,

George W. Chase.

Dr. Eric M. North

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For Central Office

March 10, 1928.

Dear Lucius:

Your letter of February 13th on the H-Y Institute has just reached me and I am replying at once. In general, your understanding of its plans and the purpose of having William and you come to Cambridge next year is in accordance with the ideas which have been developed here. You will doubtless receive formal letters from Dean Chase as from the Harvard standpoint but my letter to you was intended to express the official invitations of the Committee as to your coming here. I am also asking Dean Chase to write to Hu Suh and the Baron. It would seem best for both you and William to spend the whole session at Cambridge prepared to give lectures along the lines that you suggest. I am counting on having a conference with you both before you get away at which time we can formulate our own conceptions of what should be advocated in the Cambridge discussions. Meanwhile, you will both be securing information and making other preparations.

In regard to the seal, I wish that you would get representative Chinese opinions as to the precise form of the Yenching monogram which is to be in the center and write Dean Chase as to whether the onewhich has hitherto appeared on our bulletins is preferable to the one worked out by Hshu Ti-shan or something else.

As to the more personal questions, I suggest that you consult with Galt regarding the use of your house next session. It is certainly reasonable for you to want some assurance that it will be permanently yours if that is what you and Lillian prefer. I appreciate the suggestion that I occupy it and should be glad to do so were it not for the authorization, after long weeks of hesitancy, on the part of my friends in Philadelphia to start construction. I am urging that this be rushed because it is almost the only way in which there is immediate relief for the housing problem next autumn. It might be well for some family to be put in the house who would only expect to be there for one year looking forward to a residence of their own later. I have sent Galt the list of those who must be provided for in so far as I know about them. Lillian might indicate her own preference.

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The matter of the use of your furniture would affect whatever decision is made. This necessity of asking others to work out issues of this sort instead of attending to my own duties is one of the many reasons why I chafe at being forced to stay here in a campaign which is so largely unproductive and is consuming so much time.

I want you and William to begin planning now for a jaunt when we either can get off to the hills or somewhere and combine the joys of tramping in the open with those of discussing the fascinating potentialities of "H-Y."

As ever

Yours

(Signed) J. Leighton Stuart

Dr. E. C. Porter
Yenching University
Peking, China.

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HARVARD-YENCHING
INSTITUTE

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March 12, 1928.

My dear Eric:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which explains itself. I should like to have your ideas on the matter. There is something to be said for Ti-Shan's being allowed to act on his suggestion. He is one of the most promising young masters of Chinese composition in the country and would profit much by such study. He is a member of the faculty of our School of Theology and would also be still further equipped for useful work in this field. The chief problem, of course, is one of budget.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

Dr. Eric M. North
Secretary and Asst. Treasurer
Yenching University
New York City

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Peking, China

COMMISSION ON STUDIES

March 15, 1928

Doctor Eric M. North,
Yenching University,
New York City.

Dear Doctor North:

I thank you for your several recent letters together with the copies of letters to Mr. Hung and others regarding the Harvard-Yenching Institute of Chinese Studies. It is most gratifying to know that the funds for establishing this Institute have been secured and that it is now possible to go ahead with definite work on a program for the Institute.

I have already responded to Dean Chase's invitation to Harvard as a Visiting Professor for the academic year 1928-29, and have indicated to him the courses I am ready to offer. I am sure that Baron Stael Holstein has responded also, so Dean Chase should have in hand the materials he needs for his announcements.

You will be interested to know that I have a letter from Doctor Hu Shih indicating his readiness to join the staff of the Harvard-Yenching Institute either at Harvard or in Peking, beginning with the academic year 1929-30. Important literary work upon which he is at present engaged prevents his acceptance of Doctor Stuart's invitation to join with the group which is to meet at Cambridge to draw up the program for the Institute work. He is, however, ready to give us the advantage of his advice.

With regard to traveling expenses, I understand that the sum already sent for Baron Stael Holstein will take care of him. I presume you will be sending later a fund from which I can draw for the traveling expenses of my family to Cambridge. President Stuart advised that I take my family to America in view of an absence from China of a whole year. I presume arrangements for these funds will be made by you with Mr. Wient, our Treasurer. I shall not expect to leave China until after the middle of June.

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) Lucius C. Porter.

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Extracts from letter of March 15, 1928 from Dr. Lucius C. Porter.

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March 16, 1928.

My dear Dr. Hornbeck:

I venture to write you for advice in a matter which will be of special interest to you also because it is in connection with the Harvard-Yenching Institute of Chinese Studies. We are planning to begin this enterprise by assembling next autumn at Cambridge certain men from Peking and one or two European sinologues to confer with the group at Harvard who are interested about the whole policy to be worked out. Our representatives will be Lucius Porter and William Hung together with Baron von Stael-Holstein and Hu Suh if he feels free to join us.

Mr. Hung desires to bring his wife and two children. The Immigration Law, Section 4 (D), would permit of his bringing his family if qualified as a professor. He has this rank in our University. He will do graduate study while in America and will be treated as a lecturer at Harvard although we have not as yet asked for his appointment as a professor at Harvard which would have certain embarrassments. As you understand the law, would the fact that he is a professor in China and is to be a lecturer at Harvard enable him to qualify under this provision, and if so, could you secure from the proper sources an authoritative statement that could be passed on to him? If not, we should appreciate your advice as to the best procedure to follow. He and his family will only be in the country for one academic year or less than twelve months. You already know in general the nature of the service he would render at Harvard and his personal qualifications.

Thanking you in advance for this help, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Stanley K. Hornbeck
Chief of the Far Eastern Division
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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March 17, 1928

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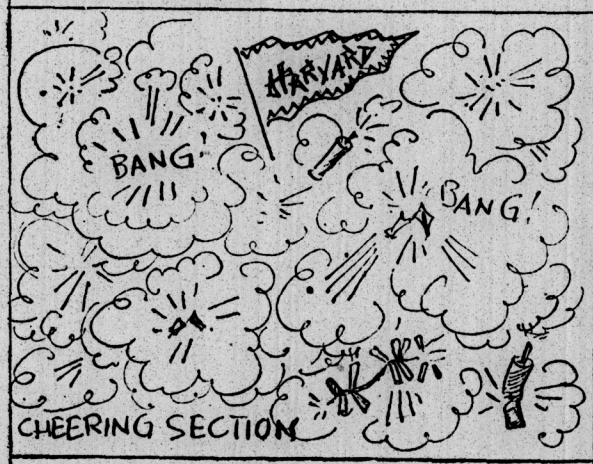

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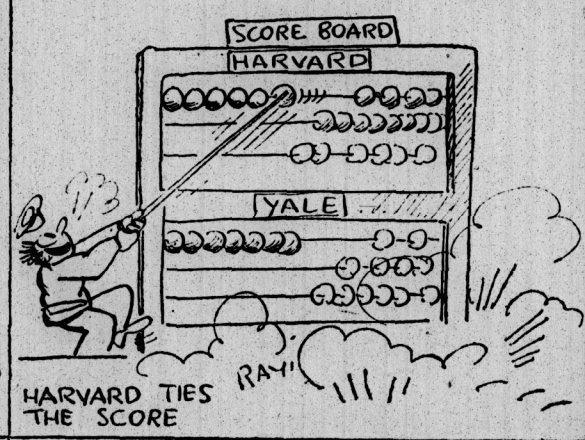

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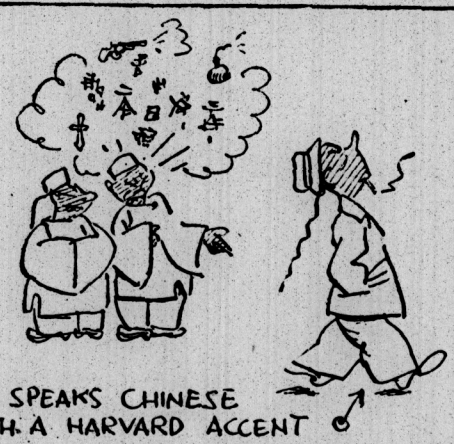

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HARVARD-YENCHING
INSTITUTE

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Dr. North has shown me your letter to him regarding two research teachers of History. Mr. Hung also has some comments on the same subject. My suggestion on this would be that we engage one man, namely, Ku Chi-kan at $2,400 silver, and that we continue a name that had slipped out of Dr. North's letter to yo of February 11th, through oversight on my part, of Chen Yuan at a honorarium of $1,000. Mr. Ku was formerly a specialist in Chinese history in the National University of Peking and a close friend of Hu Suh but had to go south with poli ical changes. He is highly spoken of by all who know him. Mr. Chen has been lecturing for us last year and this for a part of one forenoon a d the honorarium given is not so much in proportion to his teaching hours as the general value of having him associated with us. He is regarded as the most scholarly living writer on Chinese historical subjects and although he has no Western training whatever uses critical methods very much like those which have been developed among us. He is also curator of the library in the "Forbidden City" and thus maintains for us quite an important connection for the future. These two items are slightly over the $3,000 for the one research professor, as suggested in your letter, but I believe it to be worth whi e.

There is another suggestion in Mr. Hung's letter which I shall pass on to you without any more comment tha that of thoroughly endorsing the estimate he has of the student. We have a graduate student assistant named T. T. Chang (Chang Tien-tseh), who has been helping in the Department of History since his graduation two years ago. He made one of the highest records in his studies that we have as yet had and is a young man of unusual ability and character. Mr. Hung says that he will have no difficulty in finding a position in some educational institution in the South but he feels that it would be a worth while investment to have him come to Harvard for two years of graduate study and then be retained as a teacher in the Institute. One advantage in his case is his unusual attainments in English. He could be assigned work either at Cambridge or Peking in the light of developments. There is no question in my mind about the qualifications of this young man, if it seems wise at this stage to begin the training of such prospective additions to our staff. I should like to have your comment upon this.

The item for rent is, as indicated in the parenthesis, contingent upon a staff increase at Peking which would demand some such provision. The housing of our present staff is one of the acute issues which is keeping me in this country, although I doubt if there will be any claim against the Institute in view of the way our plans are taking shape. Would it be feasible to keep this amount of money available as a "contingent fund" for at present u foreseen needs, any expenditure of it to be passed upon by our Budget Committee, and charged or credited accordingly?

Hung also speaks of the possibility of certain publication work for which the material is already in shape, such as a manuscript of translations into Chinese of Marco Polo's Travels, together with critical

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notes based on Chinese sources; and the translation of Yule's Cathay and The Way Thither, also with critical notes. This is by a research scholar whom I think we ought to keep in mind to be added perhaps after another year or two. His name is Chang Hsing-liang.

Our own Jung Kong has a well-worked out bibliography of Chinese archaeology. He also advises our publishing the photographs of over one hundreditems of genuinely ancient (Shang and Chou dynasties) bronzes in the Palace Museum with notes by him. I suggest that I write asking for estimates on these various items together with a little more information from others competent to have opinions, and that the whole matter be referred to the committee at this end. By that time we hope that our financial outlook may be a little more clear. We are glad of this ardor but must guard against too great haste to start our machinery spinning.

These points cover all the matters requiring action in Mr. Hung's letter.

It happened that he recently traveled to Shanghai in the same cabin with Han Ju-chai, directeur, Institute des Etudes Chinoises, University of Paris, with whom President Lowell and Professor Woods have been in correspondence. Hung thought that Mr. Han would be of quite a little help in advising about our Institute work.

Very sincerely yours

Dean George H. Chase
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

Please return to T. F. L.

March 19, 1928.

My dear William:

I am very glad that you wrote me the comprehensive letter under date of February 11th. It was full of just the sort of information which I am eager to have and shows your splendid spirit and intelligent capacity.

I shall at this time only comment on those matters that require specific replies.

Harvard-Yenching Institute.

(1) Chinese Books

I have written at some length to Dean Chase on this matter asking him to reply to you direct. My own preference would be that any extensive purchases of Chinese books for the use of Harvard be deferred until the policy for the type of work to be done there be more definitely worked out next session.

(2) Sinological Publications.

The present grant is for $5,000 silver. Anything left over from the Journal expenses could be devoted, without further reference, to the publication of any of the Chinese works which you mention. I am referring these matters also to Dean Chase with the suggestion that works in English be deferred until you all meet at Cambridge next autumn. Meanwhile, if you could send to him (George H. Chase) a memorandum of the work of Chang Hsing-liang and Jung Keng, possibly with comments from one or two other persons whose names would carry weight at Harvard, it would help expedite matters. The budget has already been drawn up for next year on a somewhat conservative basis and I am anxious not to disturb the newly forming confidence of our Harvard friends by asking for too much at the outset or appearing too eager to get things going. It has also taken a little patience to nurse the proposition along to this stage and we will gain in the end by exercising restraint. None the less, I share in the desire to get things going and shall push matters along as rapidly as I dare.

(3) History Teachers

Wang Tung-ling ought to be listed on our own budget as, primarily at least, concerned with undergraduate courses.

Dean Chase has cut our request for two research professors down to one, and I am accepting this with the additional item of Chen Yuan's $1,000.

I would suggest that we keep Chang Hsing-liang in constant touch

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with us but defer action until you can present his case at Harvard in person and that meanwhile you engage Ku Chi-kan.

Regarding Yu Tao-chuan, his case could be acted upon by the President's office and yourself, pending the establishment of a more official process.

We are asking for graduate scholarships at Yenching of $1,000 silver and do not hesitate to include any one else whose case ought not to await my return.

I have also referred to Dean Chase the matter of Chang Tien-tseh, endorsing it somewhat cautiously but hoping that he will be invited to Harvard along the lines of your suggestion.

The Bill has not gone through the Massachusetts Legislature yet nor has any money been actually transferred which facts, together with the conservative temperaments of the Harvard people and the desirability of establishing their confidence at the outset, explain the hesitancy I feel in advocating all the things that I, no less than the rest of you in Peking, desire to have accomplished. Will you take pains to explain this point carefully to Hsü Ti-shan, about whom I have already written to Galt and to whom I am writing by this mail advising that he postpone the thought of coming to America to a year later when it may be quite possible to arrange for his doing so.

(4) Department of History

I have had several conferences with Harry Kingman and had already pointed out to him the particular things that we sought for in the man who would join this Department. I have tried to be quite faithful and explicit and Kingman has so fine a personality and so definite an interest in present day international issues that I feel if he accepts will be with the full realization of what we expect of him and no less a determination to realize our hopes. However, I called him again to the office on receiving your letter and gave him the substance of it, telling him somewhat more in detail of the anxieties we have in his case, the enthusiasm and success you have had in building up this Department and the special advantages an Englishman might possess. He wants a few days to think it over very seriously and I have told him if, in the light of all that has been said, he accepts an invitation from us it will be with the understanding that he goes in for making good along the lines of a well-equipped, steadily growing teacher of History. On this condition, his interest in present day issues of international good will is all to the good. He is taking now the following courses, working towards a Master's degree in History:

History of Nationality and Nationalism, Prof. Carlton Y. Hayes
Social History of Europe in the 19th Century, Prof. Hayes
Basic International Problems, Prof. Parker Moon
America's Foreign Relations, Tyler Dennett

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There is much to be said for dropping him and going after a young Englishman but I believe that if you were here you would approve of the course I am taking. I shall write at once on getting his final reaction and decision made in the light of it.

Miss Clara Chung.

I note with much interest what you say about this young lady and her father. I am at present thinking of returning to China via Siberia. If this does not work out, I shall probably determine on going via Honolulu and calling upon these people. Meanwhile, I hope that your correspondence with her may result in her joining our staff.

Mr. Crawford and his daughter have been writing me about the precise status according to which you should come in to the country under our Immigration Laws. I have written to Dr. Stanley K. Hornbeck, who is now Chief in charge of the Bureau of the Far East in the State Department, asking his advice. We shall try to see that arrangements are made which will make it as easy as possible for the whole family.

With greetings to Koda and the little girls, I am

As ever

Affectionately yours

Prof. William Hung
Yenching University
Peking, China

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TRANSFER

SENATE . . . . No. 278

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, March 21, 1928.

The committee on Mercantile Affairs to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 1086) of Roland W. Boyden that the Harvard-Yenching Institute be authorized to hold additional real and personal estate and relative to a change of name and certain other powers and duties of said institute, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

JOSEPH R. COTTON.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight.

An Act relative to the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Harvard-Yenching Institute, a corporation created under and by virtue of the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighty of the General Laws, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding ten million dollars, which shall be devoted to the purposes set forth in the agreement of association of said corporation as the same may be from time to time amended.

SECTION 2. Three members of said corporation may be directly appointed and removed by the president for the time being of The President and Fellows of Harvard College and three members by the governing boards of such other charitable organization or organizations as may from time to time have power to nominate candidates for membership in said corporation as provided in the agreement of association of said corporation.

SECTION 3. The word "Harvard" may be stricken from the name of said corporation at any time upon the affirmative vote of such members of

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said corporation as may have been appointed by the president of The President and Fellows of Harvard College, and the word "Yenching" may be stricken from the name of said corporation at any time upon the affirmative vote of such members of said corporation as may have been appointed by the board of trustees of Peking University, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of New York.

Such vote shall thereupon be recorded by the clerk of said Institute, and within thirty days after such vote a certificate setting forth such vote, and stating that it has been duly adopted as aforesaid, sworn to either by said clerk or by the members of said corporation so voting, shall be submitted to the commissioner of corporations and taxation who shall examine it, and if he finds that it conforms to the requirements of this section, he shall so certify and endorse his approval thereon. Thereupon the state secretary shall order the publication in such form as he may see fit, in a newspaper published in Boston and elsewhere as he may deem advisable, of notice of the fact that such vote, striking out the word "Harvard" or the word "Yenching" from said corporate name, as the case may be, has been duly adopted. When the state secretary is satisfied that such notice has been published as required by him, he shall, upon the payment of a fee of one dollar, cause said certificate and the endorsements thereon to be recorded in his office. No such vote shall take effect until recorded in the office of the state secretary as aforesaid. Nothing herein shall prevent said corporation from changing its name in any other manner authorized by law.

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HARVARD-YENCHING
INSTITUTE

March 28, 1928.

Mr. C. A. Coolidge, Jr.,
Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins,
50 Federal Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Coolidge:

Dr. Stuart asks me to transmit the results of his correspondence with Mr. Greene concerning his election as a member of the Harvard-Yenching Institute Corporation. Mr. Greene wrote Dr. Stuart that he was deeply interested in the work, but was doubtful whether the Rockefeller Foundation would approve his services as it was a part of their general policy that their officers should not serve as trustees of organizations with which the Foundation might in the future have official dealings. The matter, however, has been happily settled by the enclosed letter of March 21st from Dr. Vincent to President Stuart indicating the readiness of the Rockefeller Foundation to have Mr. Greeneserve, so that we may regard Mr. Greene's acceptance as assured. I am sending this to you as the Secretary of the Corporation with the thought that you will presumably present it at the next meeting of the Corporation.

I presume that you have been waiting for the passage of the act of the Legislature in increasing the amount of the resources which the Institute may hold, before sending forward the Minutes and other formal documents of incorporation to other trustees and the Universities.

I wonder whether it would not be possible for you to send me, however, without waiting, further copies of the incorporation papers as finally executed and of the minutes of the incorporators and of the trustees of the corporation. The Annual Meeting of the trustees of Yenching University comes in about two weeks, and I wish to put in their hands a summary of the procedure to date and would like to be able to quote exact language where that is necessary.

Faithfully yours,

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Secretary

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

J.L.S. sent copy of this letter to Pershing 4/11/28

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

24 UNIVERSITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

March 28, 1928

Dear President Stuart:

I have found the answers, I think, to the questions in your letter of March 19.

First of all, in regard to the purchase of Chinese books. Mr. Lane tells me that on March 13 he cabled to Mr. Hung, and also wrote a letter, explaining the financial arrangements, and sending a draft to cover the list of orders sent through Mr. A. K. Chiu to Mr. Hung. Mr. Lane says further that some orders may have been sent since. We all agree that it is wise to have a uniform practice in regard to the lettering on the cases which are made in China, and a uniform system of classification and of indexing. Mr. Lane, however, thinks it would be wise, and I agree with him, if the books already ordered be purchased and shipped. He thought there is very much in the suggestion that we make no further purchases until the group comes together in Cambridge in the fall and the whole problem of how the library here and the library at Yenching should be worked out so as to be most useful.

In regard to the research teachers of history, I entirely agree with your suggestion - namely, that Mr. Ku Chi-kan be engaged at $2400 silver, and that Mr. Chen Yuan be continued

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at an honorarium of $1,000. I will modify the budget which I have to cover these items.

In regard to Mr. Hung's suggestion that T. T. Chang (Chang Tien-tseh) be considered for study at Harvard for two years, I am inclined to think that this is a suggestion that should be made to the Educational Committee and the Trustees when they formulate plans definitely for next year. I should suppose that the best arrangement would be to offer him a fellowship of $2,000 if we establish such fellowships to bring Chinese scholars for study to Harvard. Would this fit in with your plans?

I should, also, naturally keep in mind for reference to the Educational Committee the plan for publication of translations of Marco Polo's travels and Yule's "Cathay and the Way Thither", as well as Mr. Jung Keng's bibliography of Chinese archaeology, and other things.

What you say about Mr. Han Ju-chai sounds as if he were just the sort of man who would be helpful in advising about our Institute work.

Then for the matters discussed in your letter of March 9. I am awfully glad to know that both Porter and Hung can spend next year in Cambridge. One reason for my delay in answering this letter is that I wanted to be quite sure that all our understandings here were clear. I, therefore, wrote a formal letter to Dean Moore, stating my understanding of the status of the men whom the Institute supports here as teachers, and I have just re-

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ceived from him the following reply:

> "My understanding with regard to the appointment of such men as shall come here on the invitation of the Harvard-Yenching Institute for Chinese studies is exactly the same as yours,- that such men will normally be made Visiting Lecturers in Chinese Studies, and, if they are professors in other institutions, they will be put down in the Announcement of Courses as "Professor ----- of the University of ------, Visiting lecturer in Chinese Studies." They will have regular Harvard appointments, I understand, exactly as men who come from any other university to serve here as visiting lecturers, the understanding always being that the Institute will provide the funds for their salaries and for other expenses."

Just as soon, therefore, as our financial arrangements are complete, I shall nominate Mr. Porter, Baron von Staehl Holstein, and Dr. Hu, and shall send them an official letter of invitation to accept the appointments. I will remember your point that I make it clear to Porter especially that it is our desire that he spend the whole year in Cambridge.

In regard to Mr. Hung, I am in doubt as to what is the best procedure. In the letter which I wrote to Dr. North I suggested that Mr. Hung be offered a fellowship of $2,000, since I understood from you that he would prefer to have his time to work towards a higher degree, and that you would like to have him available for various enterprises connected with Yenching. On this matter I should follow your advice implicitly. If you think it better that he should be nominated for a teaching appointment, I should make the nomination. My idea for all these men is that they should give one regular course, lecturing two or three times a week, and perhaps offering advanced instruction to qualified students; and I should try to be careful that they were not overwhelmed with students of the kind who are too apt to rush into new courses in the hope that they may be easy. I do not think

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that there will be great difficulty in courses on Chinese subjects, but it is a point that we always have to think about. Porter's suggestion of a course on Chinese thinkers, with special study of Mo Ti and Mencius, sounds to me very good. For Baron von Staehl Holstein it seems to me a formal course of not too advanced a character on Buddhist mythology, with perhaps an offering to meet with advanced students for study of Tibetan philology, might be best. Professor Clark, our new Professor of Sanskrit, is much interested in Tibetan and would, I think, be delighted if he could have some work with Baron von Staehl Holstein in a small group. For Mr. Hung, if the decision is that he is to teach, I should think a course on Chinese history would probably be best.

It just occurred to me a day or two ago that if Professor Porter brings his wife, he might be interested in renting a furnished house. As it happens, a Simmons professor whom I know well came in the other day to say that he has a sabbatical year next year and would like very much to rent his house furnished. I know that it is a convenient house, and it can be rented for $60 a month, which is certainly cheap as rents go in Cambridge. Of course we could find an apartment for Mr. Porter, and perhaps he would prefer that. If you know his wishes, I should be grateful if you would inform me what they are likely to be. For the unmarried men I hope to get quarters in the Business School buildings as we have this year for our visiting professors in Fine Arts, Professor Goldschmidt and Professor Maclagen.

So far as I have heard, the bill has not yet been passed by the Legislature which will enable our financial advisers to write to

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the trustees of the Hall estate and finish up the financial side of our business. Until that is done I cannot make the nominations to the Corporation, which will naturally want to know that the money is in hand. Will you, therefore, be good enough to send on to Mr. Porter and Baron von Staehl Holstein the substance of what I have written about the arrangements that will be made? I hope that the matter of the finances will not be much more delayed. I have telephoned several times to the offices of Ropes, Gray, Boyden, and Perkins, and I am sure they are doing their best to straighten out everything. I don't want to seem a gad-fly in my relationships with them.

Cordially yours,

George H. Chase

President J. Leighton Stuart

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Copy for Mr. Garside

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

Copied for J. Stuart
Will send copy to Barber.

March 29, 1928.

TRANSFER

Dean George H. Chase,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dean Chase:

I am sorry I have been so slow in getting word to you concerning some of the items in the Harvard-Yenching Institute budget for next year. Dr. Stuart has already written you concerning the items that affect the work in Peking, - particularly the matter of the history men. Concerning the items for expenses in Cambridge, I think they all look satisfactory to us with the exception of that for Professor Porter, which you yourself have questioned. The travel item for him is all right, but there will be little left of it, and I would not presume that his living expenses in Cambridge would be any less than Professor Hu-Shih or Baron Holstein as the Baron is single and Professor Hu would probably not bring his family. Porter's salary allowance would amount to about $2,750. gold, and the suggestion of Dr. Stuart and myself is that this be increased by $3,250. gold, making his total resources for living expenses in Cambridge $6,000. We do not see how we could do it on much less. The arrangements for Professor Hung will be subject to some adjustment of which President Stuart has written you and which he is studying in order to see what the best plan will be.

With this data in your hands which I am sorry I have been so long in getting to you, I presume you have all the material to make a consolidated budget statement for the Budget Committee, which, I believe consists of Mr. Boyden, Dean Chase, and Mr. Barber. Mr. Barber has been on the Pacific Coast for two weeks but will be back at his office on the first of April, and I am sure will be glad to share in the meeting soon after that. It might be the simplest in arranging it for you to get in touch with him directly and find a time that will be convenient for both Mr. Boyden and yourself and him.

I venture to suggest that it might be worth while if Dr. Stuart would come over also for the meeting of this Committee. He is away just now and will not be free for appointments until after the tenth of April. I presume that so long as the budget is approved before we get some cash in hand from the trustees, it will be time enough. My expectation from my last word with Mr. Johnson was that this would probably be cleared in May on his return from Europe.

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I have sent to Mr. Coolidge the information given me by Dr. Stuart as to the status of Mr. Greene as a trustee of the Institute. Mr. Greene wrote Dr. Stuart that he was very deeply interested in the work of the Institute but whether he could serve or not depended on the judgment of the Rockefeller Foundation, because of a policy of theirs with reference to their officers being trustees of other Institutions and Agencies. Dr. Vincent, however, wrote President Stuart that he saw no reason why Mr. Greene should not serve and this I take it, is tantamount to Mr. Greene's acceptance. I am glad for this for I believe he will be of much help to us.

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Eric M. North

Secretary.

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Secretary.

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HARVARD-YENCHING
INSTITUTE
March 30, 1928.

Dr. Eric M. North,
Secretary, Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Doctor North:

I am glad Mr. Greene can serve as a member of the Corporation and trustee of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and will see that the letter from Mr. Vincent is presented at the next meeting of the Trustees.

We have been having some difficulty with our special act because of the provision authorizing the Institute to grant degrees. The Department of Education refused to approve that provision because the act was filed later than required by statute; so that in order to obtain the passage of the act this year we have had to agree that the provision be struck out. The Department is not hostile, but merely feels it must stick to its rule requiring early filing and long publication. They inform us that if we ask for this authority next year they will favor it. Otherwise, the act has been favorably considered, and we expect to be able to tell you within a week that it has become law. I enclose a copy of the act in its present, and probably final, form.

You will note that Section 2 of the act authorizes that Harvard and Yenching members be "appointed"

by the respective Institutions. So far we have elected members "agreeable" to the two Institutions. Therefore, in order to come within the provisions of the act, the members already elected for the two Institutions should be formally appointed by them. I suggest that if your meeting of trustees is coming soon, you appoint your three members so that the formal action necessary under the act will have been taken.

As soon as the act is passed, I think we should have a meeting of the Executive Committee to accept it, to appoint a permanent secretary, and take care of such other matters as may have come up in the mean time. I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Professor Chase along these lines.

Your letter suggests to me that it would be a good idea to have the records so far mimeographed and sent to each trustee. Perhaps it would be better to have the agreement of association, special act and by-laws printed, and only mimeograph the minutes. I suppose this can wait until our Executive Committee meeting, but if we want the printing, I might save time by starting that now. I should be glad to have your opinion on this.

For your present requirements, I am enclosing a typewritten copy of the agreement of association, the minutes of the first meeting of incorporators, including the by-laws, minutes of the first meeting of trustees, and the two contracts.

Yours very truly,

C. C. Coolidge

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ROPES, GRAY, BOYDEN & PERKINS
50 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON

TELEPHONE, HANCOCK 9214
CABLE ADDRESS "ROPGRALOR"

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

March 30, 1928.

George H. Chase, Esquire,
Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

TRANSFER

Dear Professor Chase:

I enclose a copy of a letter I have written Dr. North. How do you feel about having the agreement of association, special act and by-laws printed?

I cannot see to lay my hands on the original of the two contracts. I do not remember that we executed them. In case we did not execute them, I enclose two more originals. Both should be executed by you, and the one with Harvard submitted to President Lowell for his signature, and the one with Yenching sent to Dr. North for execution by Yenching. Dr. North writes me he has a meeting of his trustees shortly, so I suggest you send him his original as soon as possible.

As soon as we hear from our special act, I suggest that we call a meeting of the Executive Committee to accept it, to appoint a permanent secretary, and to do anything further that may have come up since our last meeting of the trustees. The Committee is composed of Messrs. Barton, Boyden, Barber (North, alternate), Chase and Donham, of which three is a quorum.

It occurs to me that it might be a good idea to send Mr. Johnson and Mr. Davis a copy of the resolution we passed at our last meeting recording appreciation of their action, if this has not already been done.

Yours very truly,
(C. A. Coolidge)

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HARVARD-YENCHING
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April 2, 1928.

Mr. C. A. Coolidge, Jr.,
Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins,
50 Federal Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Coolidge:

Thank you for the information and documents in your letter of March 30th.

We shall "appoint" our representatives on the Institute corporation on April 10th.

I agree to the process you suggest re printing the Agreement, Special Act, and By-Laws, and the mimeographing of the minutes. The printed matter could best be made a single pamphlet, I suppose. In mimeographing the minutes, may I suggest the advantage, for reference, of numbering the actions in the Trustees' minutes, serially from the beginning? It makes reference to actions much easier.

You are correct that the contracts have not been executed. Should this be done before a notary? I presume so, and I shall have our contract executed as soon after the meeting of our Board of Trustees as possible.

Cordially yours,

Secretary.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

24 UNIVERSITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

April 2, 1928

Copies made for E. M. North, J. L. Stuart, J. G. Barber 4/3/28

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

Dear Dr. North:

Your letter about the budget is most welcome, though I assure you that I haven't been worrying about it. I am very glad to have your opinion about Professor Porter, and quite agree that $3250 gold is better as a supplementary allowance for him than $2,000. I have changed the tentative budget accordingly. I shall wait for advice from President Stuart in regard to the final arrangement for Professor Hung. When I have that I certainly shall have all the material I need for the statement for the Budget Committee, and can present it at the meeting of the Executive Committee which Mr. Coolidge hopes to have shortly, as I know he wrote you. It certainly would be very helpful to us if Dr. Stuart could come over for the meeting, and I will try to arrange it at a time that is convenient for him.

It is good news that Mr. Greene can serve as a trustee. He certainly can be of great help to us.

Cordially yours,

George H. Chase

Dr. Eric M. North

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Harvard-Yenching

April 2, 1928.

Mr. William Hung,
Yenching University,
Peking, China.

My dear William:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter recently received from Dean Chase, which will be of interest to Lucius and yourself. Especial reference to him in the middle of page two is because he questioned whether he would be wanted for the whole year. I wish you would consult with him about the matter of renting a furnished house, and if either of you would like to have the one referred to secured, cable on receipt of this letter. Meanwhile, I shall ask Dean Chase to hold the house tentatively for a month. You might also include in your cable a definite application for T. T. Chang. These are, I believe, the only points which call for special comment from me.

As ever yours,

JLS-ECA

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April 2, 1928.

Dean George H. Chase,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

My dear Dean Chase:

I have received from our New York office a copy of your recent letter to me dealing with the various matters of which I had written you. I am sending only a hurried note at this time to ask that you reserve tentatively the furnished house which you mentioned as belonging to a Simmons professor who is going on his Sabbatical leave of absence. I feel almost certain that either Porter or Hung would like to have it and have written to them asking for a cabled reply. We ought to hear in a month's time at the most. Meanwhile, if necessary to hold it, I almost feel like authorizing a decision to do so. Other matters will be taken up between us as there is occasion.

Very sincerely yours,

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George G. Barber
GRAYBAR BUILDING
NEW YORK

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Copy sent to EMN 4/5/28

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April 3, 1928.

HARVARD-YENCHING
INSTITUTE

Dr. Eric M. North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. North:

Thank you for sending me copy of letter sent to Dean George H. Chase on March 29th.

I note that the trustees of the Hall Estate may not pay over any cash until May and that the meeting of the Budget Committee should be held sometime before that time. It would suit my convenience better to have the meeting delayed until sometime after April 10th and I think it highly desirable that Dr. Stuart attend that meeting.

Very truly yours,

George G. Barber

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April 3, 1928.

Mr. Van S. Merle-Smith,
57 William Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Merle-Smith:

Herewith I am sending you a copy of the contract which is to be signed between Harvard-Yenching Institute and Peking University. This contract appears to be quite all right to me, but as I plan to present it to the Trustees of Peking University at the meeting next Tuesday, I should very much appreciate it if you could go over it and advise me of any criticisms you may have to make of it. You will note that it differs somewhat from the form appended to the minutes of the joint meeting of the 'Special Committee' and the Executive Committee held on December 22, 1927.

Cordially yours,

Secretary.

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COPY

THIS AGREEMENT made this day of , 192 , by and between HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE (hereinafter generally called "the Institute"), an eleemosynary corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and located in the city of Cambridge in said Commonwealth, and PEKING UNIVERSITY (hereinafter generally called "Yenching"), an eleemosynary corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and located in New York City,

W I T N E S S E T H: That

WHEREAS in carrying out the purposes of the Institute it is proposed to utilize the services of members of the faculty and other persons appointed or employed by Yenching and otherwise to obtain the cooperation of Yenching; and

WHEREAS it is desirable that any financial commitments made by the Institute to obtain the aforesaid services and cooperation should be co-extensive with such commitments made by Yenching in whole or in part for such purposes; and

WHEREAS it is desirable that an understanding be had between the parties hereto in respect of other financial matters:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of one dollar ($1) paid by the Institute to Yenching, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, it is mutually covenanted and agreed between the parties hereto as follows:

(1) Unless in a particular instance the Board of Trustees of the Institute shall vote otherwise, all teaching appointments of the Institute (other than Western members of the Peking staff of the Institute, including research fellows, and members of the Cambridge staff of the Institute)

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may be made by Yenching. Appointments so made shall be subject to the approval of said Board of Trustees.

(2) Yenching will take no action by way of appointment or otherwise in respect of which it is contemplated that the Institute will bear any financial responsibility without previously submitting such action to the Trustees or an officer of the Institute authorized to act in that respect and obtaining a vote of approval by the Trustees of the approval in writing of such officer thereto; and upon the receipt by Yenching of such vote or approval the Institute shall be firmly committed and bound, and will indemnify and hold Yenching harmless, to the extent contemplated by such action as submitted to the Board of Trustees or such officer as aforesaid, and in the absence of any express stipulation in the matter of any appointment or employment, such commitment shall extend for the period of time customary with Yenching in similar appointments or employments.

(3) Yenching will charge and collect no rent from the Institute for any space in buildings owned or controlled by Yenching and used by the Institute for the purpose of instruction, research, study or executive work, provided that Yenching may charge rent for buildings used for residential purposes which have not been financed by funds advanced by or for the purposes of the Institute.

(4) In the event that cooperation between Yenching and the Institute is at any time terminated, outstanding financial obligations shall be equitably adjusted by agreement or by arbitration in case no agreement can be reached within a reasonable time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above named parties have caused these presents to be executed and their corporate seals to be affixed by their officers thereunto duly authorized, on the day and year first above written.

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

By_____
Chairman

PEKING UNIVERSITY

By_____
President of the Board of Trustees

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

24 UNIVERSITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

April 7, 1928

My dear President Stuart:

On receipt of your letter of April 2 I communicated with the Simmons professor and have today had a talk with him. He tells me that he would be very glad to rent the house to Professor Porter, but has doubts about Professor Hung. The point is that this is a semi-detached house of which the owner lives in the other half, and my friend is afraid that the owner would not like to have Chinese tenants. This we both think is an unreasonable prejudice, but one which we cannot avoid. Professor Varrell (the Simmons professor) says that he would be very glad to hold the house for Professor Porter if you were willing to contract for twelve months' occupancy to be ended by the middle of September, 1929. I take it that this would fit in well with Professor Porter's plans, since the house would be available from July first of the present year, and I am inclined to think, as you do, that we might definitely contract for the house at the present time. There is some danger that within a month it might be rented. I will follow your instructions in this. If you think it wiser to wait, by all means let us do so.

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Professor Farrell suggested that perhaps you would be better satisfied if you could see the house, and when I told him that you might possibly be in Cambridge for a meeting of the Institute trustees during April, he asked me to say that he would be very happy to show you the house at any time and would feel happier himself if you had seen it before engaging it.

Sincerely yours,

Dwight H. Chapman

President J. Leighton Stuart

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VAN SANTVOORD MERLE-SMITH
PAUL HURLBURT SMART

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57 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK

TELEPHONE: JOHN 5330
CABLE ADDRESS: "SMARVAN"

TRANSFER

April
Seventh,
1928.

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Mr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Eric:

I have your letter of April 3d, which came to my attention on my return from out of town.

The form of contract between the Harvard-Yenching Institute and Peking University seems to me to be satisfactory as far as it goes. I note a typographical error in the fifth line of paragraph two. The word "of" after the word "trustees" should read "or".

Of course the contract binds neither party to any very definite obligations. It contemplates that Yenching University, during the pleasure of the Board of Trustees of the Institute, may nominate for certain of the teaching appointments, such appointments however, and financial obligations in respect thereof are subject in each case to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Institute. Paragraph 3 limits the power of the University to charge rent for space used by the Institute for other than residential purposes but I presume that the University has the power to regulate the amount of space so to be used. Paragraph 4, in a strict legal sense, amounts only to a statement of a present intention to arbitrate outstanding financial obligations in the case of a controversy.

In short the whole agreement is really in the form of a statement of the present policy as to the methods of working out the co-operation between the two institutions in respect of certain limited matters. In view of the necessity for flexibility, this is probably as good a way as any other for handling the matter. As, however, I do not remember the form of the Agreement of Association, of the by-laws, and of the other documents which may have relation to the basis of co-operation between the two institutions, I am not in a position to advise whether the method followed in this contract sufficiently meets the requirements of the situation.

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I will say, however, that I see no objection to the University accepting such obligations as this contract may impose upon it.

I note that in the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 22, 1927 referred to in your letter, mention is made of a proposed act to authorize the institute, among other things, to confer degrees. If the Institute plans to confer degrees in connection with Peking University, questions may conceivably arise which should be ironed out with the New York State Board of Regents at the time the whole matter of the University's power to confer degrees is discussed with them.

Hastily yours.

Vann S. Merle-Smith
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HARVARD-YENCHING
INSTITUTE

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April 9, 1928.

Mr. C. A. Coolidge, Jr.,
Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins,
50 Federal Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Coolidge:

I notice that Dean Chase has signed our copy of the contract as "Chairman of the Harvard-Yenching Institute". Is this what you desired him to do or should we make a fresh copy of the contract executed on our behalf and then send it to you for execution by Mr. Boyden?

Cordially yours,

Secretary.

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AGREEMENT

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

and

PEKING UNIVERSITY

DATED

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THIS AGREEMENT made this day of , 192 , by and between HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE (hereinafter generally called "the Institute"), an eleemosynary corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and located in the city of Cambridge in said Commonwealth, and PEKING UNIVERSITY (hereinafter generally called "Yenching"), an eleemosynary corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and located in New York City,

W I T N E S S E T H: That

WHEREAS in carrying out the purposes of the Institute it is proposed to utilize the services of members of the faculty and other persons appointed or employed by Yenching and otherwise to obtain the cooperation of Yenching; and

WHEREAS it is desirable that any financial commitments made by the Institute to obtain the aforesaid services and cooperation should be co-extensive with such commitments made by Yenching in whole or in part for such purposes; and

WHEREAS it is desirable that an understanding be had between the parties hereto in respect of other financial matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of one dollar ($1) paid by the Institute to Yenching, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, it is mutually covenanted and agreed between the parties hereto as follows:

(1) Unless in a particular instance the Board of Trustees of the Institute shall vote otherwise, all teaching appointments of the Institute (other than Western members of the Peking staff of the Institute, including research fellows, and members of the Cambridge staff of the Institute) may be made by Yenching. Appointments so made shall be subject to the approval of said Board of Trustees.

(2) Yenching will take no action by way of appointment or otherwise in respect of which it is contemplated that the Institute will bear any financial responsibility without previously submitting such action to the Trustees or an officer of the Institute authorized to act in that respect and obtaining a vote of approval by the Trustees of the approval in writing of such officer thereto; and upon the receipt by Yenching of such vote or approval the Institute shall be firmly committed and bound, and will indemnify and hold Yenching harmless, to the extent contemplated by such action as submitted to the Board of Trustees or such officer as aforesaid, and in the absence of any express stipulation in the matter of any appointment or employment, such commitment shall extend for the period of time customary with Yenching in similar appointments or employments.

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(4) In the event that cooperation between Yenching and the Institute is at any time terminated, outstanding financial obligations shall be equitably adjusted by agreement or by arbitration in case no agreement can be reached within a reasonable time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above named parties have caused these presents to be executed and their corporate seals to be affixed by their officers thereunto duly authorized, on the day and year first above written.

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

By Stanley K. Chase
Chairman.

PEKING UNIVERSITY

By _____
President of the Board of Trustees.

ROPES, GRAY, BOYDEN & PERKINS
50 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON

TELEPHONE, HANCOCK 9214
CABLE ADDRESS "ROPGRALOR"

April 10, 1928.

TRANSFER

Dr. Eric M. North,
Secretary, Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Doctor North:

The description of Dean Chase as "Chairman" in the contract is my fault. I should have either had Mr. Boyden sign it or changed the word "Chairman" to "Trustee". You will note that the vote of the first meeting of the trustees authorizes the "chairman or any trustee" to execute the contract. As Dean Chase is a trustee, and executed it as such, I think it entirely proper to change the description under his name by striking out the word "Chairman" and writing in the word "Trustee".

Yours very truly,

C. H. Coolidge

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HARVARD-YENCHING

ROPES, GRAY, BOYDEN & PERKINS,
50 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON

TELEPHONE, HANCOCK 9214
CABLE ADDRESS "ROPGRALOR"

April 10, 1928.

TRANSFER

George H. Chase, Esquire,
Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dean Chase:

Dr. North has called my attention to the fact that I sent the contract between Harvard and Yenching to you for your signature with the word "Chairman" underneath the place for you to sign. This should be changed to "Trustee". I have told Dr. North to do so. Since the vote of the trustees authorizes the "chairman or any trustee" to execute the contract, it is merely a matter of description.

I believe the same error is present in the contract between the Institute and Harvard, and suggest that you make a similar change in that contract.

I believe our special act has been engrossed, which should mean that it is a matter of only a few days now before it is passed.

Yours very truly,

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HARVARD-YENCHING
INSTITUTE

Fornette.

April 12, 1928.

TRANSFER

Mr. C. A. Coolidge, Jr.,
Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins,
50 Federal Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Coolidge:

I have your note of April 11th regarding the official colors of Yenching University. I have checked up with Dr. Stuart on this and find that they are dark blue and golden yellow, the blue being the color shown in the enclosed picture. You will have to judge whether these colors can be combined with the colors of Harvard! Dr. Stuart states that such a color combination would be quite all right in Chinese eyes, but feels that the question of the reaction of Americans is a point for your decision.

I should like to add that I have one or two changes to make in the lettering of the seal which I shall endeavor to get to you just as soon as I can get them into really copyable form.

Cordially yours,

Eric M. North

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ROPES, GRAY, BOYDEN & PERKINS
50 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON

TELEPHONE, HANCOCK 9214
CABLE ADDRESS "ROPGRALOR"

April 16, 1928.

HARVARD-YENCHING
INSTITUTE

Dr. Eric M. North,
Secretary, Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:

I enclose a drawing made from the Harvard-Yenching corporate seal. This drawing is to be used as a basis for the cover of the pamphlet I am having printed, and also as the basis for a letterhead. Of course it will be greatly reduced in both of these. Could you have the changes in the Chinese characters in the center made on this drawing?

Yours very truly,

C. A. Coolidge

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ROPES, GRAY, BOYDEN & PERKINS
50 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON

TELEPHONE, HANCOCK 9214
CABLE ADDRESS - "ROPGRALOR"

April 18, 1928.

Dr. Eric M. North,
Secretary, Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

HARVARD-YENCHING
INSTITUTE

TRANSFER

Copies sent to Dr. North, L. S. Barber, L. Stuart
wired Coolidge - 4/19/28.
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My dear Dr. North:

The Governor has signed our special act. I enclose a couple of copies in what I think is the final form. Of course I am going to have this checked to be sure there is no change but I am quite sure there is no change in substance. Mr. Boyden has written the Hall trustees saying we are now in a position to take any money they care to give us.

As I think I wrote you before, we should hold a meeting of the executive committee to accept the act and do various minor legal matters. Dean Chase is also anxious for the executive committee to approve the appointments of Professor Pelliot and Professors Porter and Stael Holstein, and also to authorize an agreement with the librarian of Widener Library. Probably there are other matters that he and you will also want to bring up. Dean Chase is free any afternoon next week except Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Dr. Barton is free Wednesday. I have therefore set the meeting, subject to your convenience, at 3 P.M. next Wednesday, April 25, at Dr. Barton's office, 14 Beacon Street (American Board of Foreign Missions). Mr. Boyden sails for Europe this week, and Dean Donham is still away, so it is imperative that you or Mr. Barber come on for this meeting or otherwise there will be no quorum. If it is impossible for

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either you or Mr. Barber to come on on that day, will you let me know as soon as possible, preferably by telephone (Hancock 9214), so that I can arrange some other day and hour?

I am not notifying Mr. Barber separately, but counting on you to do so. Of course if both you and he could come on it would be so much the better, although only one is necessary.

Yours very truly,

C. F. Cooledge

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

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TRANSFER

PEKING UNIVERSITY

April 19, 1928.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Fort Pitt Hotel,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Dr. Stuart:

On behalf of Dr. Eric M. North, I am writing to advise you that, as you will see by the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Coolidge, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute has been called for next Wednesday afternoon, April 25, at the office of Dr. Barton. Dr. North will not be able to attend, but Mr. Barber will attend. Dr. North felt it most desirable that you also be present at the meeting. Accordingly, I have informed Mrs. Britton of this meeting, so that she might know of the possibility of your being in Boston that day.

Perhaps I should add, in connection with the notice of the meeting of the Campaign Committee on Thursday, April 26, that it was called at one o'clock in order to meet the convenience of Dr. North, who will be able to attend at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

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Enc.

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

Memorandum to Dr. K. M. North — April 19, 1928.

As you will see by the enclosed items, I have notified Mr. Coolidge of Mr. Barber's ability to attend the meeting on Wednesday afternoon, and advised both Mr. Barber and Dr. Stuart, with copies of Mr. Coolidge's letter, of the hour and place of the meeting. One of the two copies of the Act is enclosed herewith for your use and information.

Mr. Barber will expect you at 2.30 P. M., on Monday, at his office at the Graybar Building, 420 Lexington Avenue; his telephone is Lexington 2841.

You will see by the enclosed that advice has been sent to Mr. Coolidge of the direct appointment of the three representatives of Yenching.

If you wish me to send Mr. Coolidge acknowledgment of his letter of April 18th prior to your sending on the draft of the lettering for the seal, please let me know.

K. J. Linehan

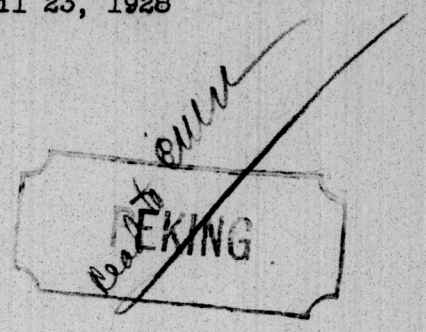
YENCHING
TRANSFER

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

24 UNIVERSITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

April 23, 1928



Dear Dr. North:

On my return from a short trip I find a note from Coolidge saying that he has called a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Harvard-Yenching Institute for Wednesday, April 25, at three o'clock. I remember that you suggested that it would be highly desirable to have President Stuart at that meeting. Will you let me know if he can come, since I have one man in mind who wants very much to see him and I can arrange this meeting, I think, if I know that President Stuart is coming.

Cordially yours,

George H. Chase

Dr. Eric M. North

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

April 23,1928.

Mr. George C. Barber,
Greybar Building,
Lexington Avenue, N.Y.City.

Dear Mr.Barber:

Following our conversation yesterday, I am noting for your information below, the items in the budgets of the Harvard Yen-Ching Institute.

For expenditure in Peking:

Salaries	Silver		U.S.$
L. T. Hwang, Literature (½)	$1,800		
Y.L.Fung, Philosophy	3,000		
Y.C.Hsu, Religion and Literature	2,400		
Yung Keng, Archaeology	2,400		
Ku Chikau, History	2,400		
Cheng Yuan, History	1,000	$13,000	$6,500
L.C.Porter, Liaison Secretary			2,750
Administration Expense	1,000		500
Rent (only to extent required)	2,500		1,250
Publication	5,000		2,500
Graduate Scholarships	1,000		500
Library	30,000		15,000
Survey (possible printing in Chinese)	500		250
Museum Aid			7,500
			$37,750

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Items involved in Cambridge budget relating to staff now in China:

	U.S.$
Supplementary allowance to Professor Porter to cover living expenses in Cambridge	$3,250
Supplementary allowance to Baron Holstein to cover living expenses in Cambridge	3,000
Travel from Peking to Cambridge for Professor Porter	1,500
Travel from Peking to Cambridge for Baron Holstein	600
	$8,750

Other items will be whatever is approved for expenditure at Harvard for the bringing in of one or two Europeans,notably, Professor Pelliot, some incidental expenses, possibly some funds for library staff, library books, possibly an amount for the elementary teaching of Chinese.

I find from another record that the amount for Pelliot will be $5,000 from September to Christmas.

They will also wish additional approval,for a younger Frenchman named Damieville for 1929-30,of $6,000 for that year. Dean Chase will probably wish formal confirmation of this at this time. Stuart has agreed to it.

I am glad that you are so ready and able to give time to this phase of the University's work, for it means much to the University to have our friends actively in touch with this development.

Cordially yours,

Eric M.North
Associate Secretary

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

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PEKING, CHINA

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April 24, 1928.

Miss Kathryn J. Linehan,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Miss Linehan:

Will you kindly write to Mr. Coolidge acknowledging his letter of the 18th and say whatever you think it is necessary to say in following up the telegram you sent him and also say that we are forwarding to him today the re-drawing of the Harvard-Yenching seal which I have succeeded in completing. Indicate to him that the one or two spots which his artist may be able to touch up as necessary for the purpose of the engraving. I also return to you herewith the drawings sent on from Peking and handed me by President Stuart on the basis of which I have made the changes.

I am very grateful to you for keeping track of all of the things that I need to be in touch with as I am rather swamped at present with the results of the changes here.

Will you also ask Mr. Garside to respond to Prof. Porter's letter of March 15th, of which a copy should be given to Dr. Stuart. Mr. Garside will have particularly in mind the financial arrangements for Porter's travel which I though ought to be made with us and we collect from the Institute on the basis of the appropriation that they are expecting to make. I think it also would be well to send to Dean Chase the copy of the first three paragraphs of Porter's letter as an extract.

Faithfully yours,

Eric M. North

Eric M. North,
Secretary.

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April 26, 1928.

Dean George H. Chase,
24 University Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Chase:

I am enclosing the duly signed contract between Harvard-Yenching Institute and Peking University. In view of the fact that it was necessary to correct the title of the officer signing in behalf of Peking University, and also that it seemed to me desirable that we have in our files here a signed copy of the contract, I have had the contract re-copied, and you will note that the title which is entered under your name is "Trustee" rather than "Chairman" as in the first draft. I trust that it will not too greatly inconvenience you to sign these new copies of the contract and return one to us.

It occured to me that you might be interested in the enclosed extracts from a letter which I recently received from Professor Porter.

I am sorry that I could not get down to the meeting in Boston yesterday.

Cordially yours,

Eric M. North

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THIS AGREEMENT made this 26th day of April, 1928, by and between HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE (hereinafter generally called "the Institute"), an eleemosynary corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and located in the city of Cambridge in said Commonwealth, and PEKING UNIVERSITY (hereinafter generally called "Yenching"), an eleemosynary corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and located in New York City,

W I T N E S S E T H: That

WHEREAS in carrying out the purposes of the Institute it is proposed to utilize the services of members of the faculty and other persons appointed or employed by Yenching and otherwise to obtain the cooperation of Yenching; and

WHEREAS it is desirable that any financial commitments made by the Institute to obtain the aforesaid services and cooperation should be co-extensive with such commitments made by Yenching in whole or in part for such purposes; and

WHEREAS it is desirable that an understanding be had between the parties hereto in respect of other financial matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of one dollar ($1) paid by the Institute to Yenching, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, it is mutually covenanted and agreed between the parties hereto as follows:

(1) Unless in a particular instance the Board of Trustees of the Institute shall vote otherwise, all teaching appointments of the Institute (other than Western members of the Peking staff of the Institute, including research fellows, and members of the Cambridge staff of the Institute) may be made by Yenching. Appointments so made shall be subject to the approval of said Board of Trustees.

(2) Yenching will take no action by way of appointment or otherwise in respect of which it is contemplated that the Institute will bear any financial responsibility without previously submitting such action to the Trustees or an officer of the Institute authorized to act in that respect and obtaining a vote of approval by the Trustees or the approval in writing of such officer thereto; and upon the receipt by Yenching of such vote or approval the Institute shall be firmly committed and bound, and will indemnify and hold Yenching harmless, to the extent contemplated by such action as submitted to the Board of Trustees or such officer as aforesaid, and in the absence of any express stipulation in the matter of any appointment or employment, such commitment shall extend for the period of time customary with Yenching in similar appointments or employments.

(3) Yenching will charge and collect no rent from the Institute for any space in buildings owned or controlled by Yenching and used by the Institute for the purpose of instruction, research, study or executive work, provided that Yenching may charge rent for buildings used for residential purposes which have not been financed by funds advanced by or for the purposes of the Institute.

(4) In the event that cooperation between Yenching and the Institute is at any time terminated, outstanding financial obligations shall be equitably adjusted by agreement or by arbitration in case no agreement can be reached within a reasonable time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above named parties have caused these presents to be executed and their corporate seals to be affixed by their officers thereunto duly authorized, on the day and year first above written.

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

By_____
Trustee

PEKING UNIVERSITY

By E A Evans
Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment (Acting President of the Board of Trustees)

ATTEST:

B. A. Garside
Secretary, Board of Trustees

STATE OF NEW YORK)
SS.
County of NEW YORK)

On this 26th day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight before me a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared E. A. EVANS and B. A. GARSIDE, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did each for himself say that they are the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment and Secretary respectively of the said Peking University and said E. A. EVANS and B. A. GARSIDE did acknowledge the said instrument to be the free act and deed of the corporation described in and which executed the within instrument.

Edna L. Jerome

NOTARY PUBLIC, New York County
New York Co. Clerk's No. 86, Reg. No. 0-2
Certificate filed in Kings County
Kings Co. Clerk's No. 34, Register's No. 100
My Commission Expires March 30th, 1930

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April 27, 1928

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JKS has read

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. North:

I have signed the two copies of the contract between the Harvard-Yenching Institute and Peking University, and return one of them herewith.

I am much interested in the paragraphs which you sent me from Dr. Porter's letter of March 15. I did get from him a very nice letter about proposals for instruction and another letter from Baron Stael Holstein. I haven't yet answered these letters because I had hoped from day to day that final financial arrangements would be made and I could write definitely to Professor Porter and Professor Stael Holstein that I had nominated them as Visiting Lecturers here and other details. If you have occasion to write Dr. Porter shortly, will you be good enough to explain this to him? After our meeting Wednesday I think we shall have assurance shortly from Mr. Davis which will enable me to go ahead, but Sachs and I still feel that we have no business committing ourselves to expenditures until we know that there will surely be funds to cover them. Now that I have waited so long to write, I think I had better wait a few days longer.

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The news about Hu Shih is certainly good. I hope we can get him to Cambridge in 1929-30.

We missed you at the meeting.

Cordially yours,

Dwight H. Chase

P.S. Before making recommendations to the Corporation I need to know what degrees Professor Porter and Professor Stael Holstein hold, in what years they were obtained, and from what institutions. Have you these facts at your office, and could you transmit them to me? I hope so. G.H.C.

Dr. Eric M. North

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