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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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March 18, 1944.

My dear Pit:

I have your letter of March 15th and, as you suggest, shall make a note of the dates of May 5th through May 7th, although at this time it is impossible for me to say whether or not I can be present. In any case I shall be very glad to see such material as you may have on the problem of the Planning Committee as I am most anxious to keep informed in regard to this matter. A few days ago I had a chance to talk to Dean Donham of Harvard as he came through Washington.

I suppose your attention has been drawn to the recently published regulations of the Ministry of Education in China in regard to Chinese students who wish to pursue their studies abroad with private means. Item 14 of this set of regulations seems particularly serious. You will recall that it reads as follows:

"14. Private students during the period of their residence abroad must accept unconditionally the guidance and control of the Supervisory Bureau or Chinese Embassy with reference to their thought and conduct. The moment facts are substantiated and reported to the Ministry that their speech or writing is contrary to the teaching of the San Min Chu I or if their conduct is irregular their credentials to study abroad will be withdrawn and they will be sent back to China."

Perhaps it would be possible before these May meetings to have some elucidation of these regulations from the Chinese Embassy here in Washington or even from the Ministry of Education in Chungking. *What do you think?*

Sincerely yours,

*Harold B. Hoskins*  
Harold B. Hoskins  
Lt. Colonel, A.U.S.



Dr. Henry P. Van Duzen,  
Chairman, Planning Committee,  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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April 17, 1944

Lt. Col. Harold B. Hoskins, A.U.S.,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Harold:

Forgive me for not answering your good letter of March 18th more promptly. I have been holding it until I could get in to the Associated Boards' office. Today has brought the first opportunity.

We are delighted that there is some promise that you may make the Planning Committee meeting May 5 through 7. I am particularly eager that you be there, especially since you could not be with us for the two-day meeting last Autumn.

You speak of the new regulations of the Ministry of Education in China in regard to Chinese students pursuing their studies abroad. These regulations have come to the attention of a joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Planning Committee and were given thorough discussion there. I need not assure you that considerable concern was expressed, despite the fact that our Chinese leaders who are now in this country seemed disposed to rather pooh-pooh the importance of these regulations. Of course we know that the Ministry of Education has from time to time issued regulations of an equally alarming character regarding the operations of all educational institutions. These regulations in their sinister aspects either have not been enforced or have been in practice by-passed by the methods so congenial to the Chinese way of doing things. Nevertheless the Associated Boards are following the matter up. I believe a cable implying concern has gone forward to China; naturally we do not want to raise the issue too categorically in communications which must pass through censorship. And I rather think that inquiries have also been instituted at the Chinese Embassy in Washington. Doubtless you saw the recent dispatch from Chungking releasing an interpretation of a Government official that the regulations had been incorrectly translated into English, and thus their intention misunderstood. This statement seemed to me unconvincing.

With most cordial greetings and a hope that your war duties will permit you to be with us May 5 - 7, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Henry P. Van Dusen,  
Chairman, Planning Committee.

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May 13, 1944

Lt. Col. Harold B. Hoskins,  
3127 "O" Street, N.W.  
Washington 7, D. C.

Dear Harold:

Thank you warmly for your note of the 10th. It was a great satisfaction to have you with us last Friday. I only wish you might have remained with the Committee throughout the week-end.

I think we registered some very real progress. The particular problems which we were wrestling with at this meeting of the Committee are the most difficult which we shall need to confront. I am enclosing the outline of the report made by the Planning Committee to the Associated Boards on Monday. The three mimeographed pages on "Cooperation and Consolidation" summarize some of the conclusions of the week-end. Actually in our discussions we went considerably further in the direction of definite proposals for re-alignment of the colleges. But the announcement of these is being deferred until a later date. Happily for Lingnan, the suggestions do not affect Canton in any major way.

It was a pleasure to see Grania at the Ginling meeting this morning. Please give her my greetings and say how sorry I was there was no opportunity for talk.

Faithfully yours,

Henry P. Van Dusen  
Chairman, Planning Committee

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Lt. Colonel Harold B. Hoskins  
c/o Mrs. George W. Perkins  
3029 Q Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Hoskins:

Steadily the plan of merging the Boards of Trustees of the China Colleges has gone on and several corners have been rounded. (1) Six of the seven colleges' boards, chartered under the Regents in New York State have, by the legally required numbers of Trustees, voted to merge. (Lingnan is the seventh.) The six are Fukien, Hwa Nan, Ginling, Nanking, West China, and Yenching. (2) Shantung has voted in favor subject to working out the technical process, as it is incorporated in Canada. The position of Soochow is similar. Hua Chung and St. John's are in a favorable attitude awaiting the formulation of the exact arrangements. (3) I think there is some doubt about Hangchow and Shanghai, more about the latter than the former.

Thus six colleges are legally agreed and four more are good prospects, not including Lingnan, whose possible relationship I want to review with you in this letter. I have not pressed this earlier, for it seemed a theoretical problem until we knew the sure action of the others chartered under the Regents.

You will remember the pattern of the proposed United Board: a body of corporate members in two sections: (A) elected by the former trustee-electing mission boards, and (B) elected in the first instance by the college boards. Every other college but Lingnan has a constituency which elects corporation members in the first class. The problem is, then,—how can the merger of Lingnan be suitably worked out? The measures which follow seem to me a wholly practicable and effective solution.

1. The six college boards which have already taken formal action would complete their merger.
2. The United Board, so formed, at its first meeting, and the Lingnan Board either before or after that meeting, would adopt
  - a) the legal agreement for the merger of the Lingnan Board with the United Board;
  - b) the necessary petition to the Regents to approve the merger;

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c) a supplementary agreement covering the terms of the merger, these three actions taking effect only after both have adopted them and when the Regents issue the order of amalgamation.

3. The terms of the merger in (a) would be simply the same formal terms as the other colleges under the Regents have adopted, but suitably modified. The terms in (c), which are in the nature of constitutional arrangements, would be as follows:

The United Board agrees with the Lingnan Board that in view of the different structure of the Lingnan Board and the desirability of continuing the special interest of that Board and maintaining a body of persons specifically concerned with the interests of Lingnan,

(1) the Lingnan Board prior to the merger shall be entitled to elect its full quota to the United Board, two-thirds of them under the category of "original members" and one-third under the category of "members-at-large";

(2) the persons so elected shall, upon the consummation of the merger, become the Lingnan Committee of the United Board;

(3) the Lingnan Committee so formed, shall be entitled to elect to the United Board the successors of Lingnan's "original members," and to nominate to the United Board for its election the successors of the "members-at-large" (provided that if the Committee shall fail for two successive years to take the necessary action after any vacancy shall occur the United Board shall be authorized to fill the vacancy);

(4) the Lingnan Committee, aforementioned, shall exercise in behalf of and in respect to Lingnan University all the rights and powers specified in Article IV, Section 1 b; Section 5; Section 6, of the Constitution of the United Board, but shall otherwise be subject to the Constitution and by-laws and acts of the United Board.

By this arrangement the Lingnan Board fits into the pattern of the other colleges and of the United Board and yet maintains its own continuity and its essential relation to the University itself. At the same time it gains the values of close participation in the United Board and, as is much desired, its members are able to make a fuller contribution to the whole program of Christian higher education in China. It can exercise a veto over anything radically affecting Lingnan's interests, and keeps as much close touch with its affairs as ever, but it operates in and with the group and gives and gains strength from the cooperative effort of the United Board. If for any reason--and I foresee none--the union does not work, the Lingnan Committee can exercise the power of withdrawal under the Constitution subject, I presume, to the consent of the Regents.

The reason why Lingnan cannot join with the other six in the original petition to merge is that, while the others are joining on the stated basis of the Draft Constitution, Lingnan requires an agreement with the new corporation to give the Lingnan Committee the additional rights stated above, and the new corporation must come into existence before it can adopt such an agreement.

Other Boards, not chartered by the Regents, will have to come in by a similar process of agreements after the new corporation is initially formed.

The proposal above has not been dealt with by any Committee but is an informal draft. When the Preparatory Committee for the merger meets, I will submit it to them. Their view of it will be a fair forecast of the view the United Board will be likely to take. I would hope that consideration by this Committee and by Lingnan might result in a draft proposal which Lingnan can adopt and which the Preparatory Committee can recommend to the United Board's first session. It is my effort so to develop matters that decisive measures in respect to the membership of as many colleges as possible may be taken at the first meeting of the United Board.

Copies of this will be sent to any whom you suggest. I should be grateful for any indication as to how Lingnan may be able to proceed with this, and especially for an opportunity to discuss it with you.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Eric W. North

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May 20, 1931.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, President,  
Yenching University,  
New York, New York.

My dear Leighton:

I really am sorry to learn from your letter of May 16 that you are not going to stop in Saint Louis after all. Your previous letter indicated that you would stop and were going to do so. I hope that my later letter was not primarily instrumental in making you change your mind. I thought that you ought to know what the situation is here because of your own statement regarding the importance of every moment of your time while you are in America.

On Saturday I had a long talk with Dr. George Moore about future connections with Yenching, the Missouri Botanical Gardens and Washington University. Dr. Moore and I agreed that it would be a good thing to let the matter of a Fellowship for a Chinese student rest for another year or year and a half. I think we both have in mind September 1932, as the earliest date when it would be feasible to renew the arrangement which Dr. Moore is quite willing and pleased to continue. This interval would give a chance for those students who knew Mr. Li to have passed through and on to other institutions so a new Chinese student would not have the disadvantage of having to hear a certain amount of misunderstanding and possibly ignominy due to Mr. Li's suicide.

Dr. Moore told me that Mr. Li's body is held in Saint Louis by an undertaker at a cost of \$20.00 per month. Dr. Moore and his School feel no obligation in paying these bills and have always referred them to Mr. Mei, who according to Dr. Moore, has not paid them. Since Mrs. Mei was a relative of Mr. Li's Dr. Moore naturally expected that the Mei family would take care of the expenses. In fact, Mr. Mei told Dr. Moore that the expenses would be taken care of. I informed Dr. Moore that the delay was probably due to the fact that Mr. Mei was uncertain as to what to do with the body in view of the wishes of the boy's parents, but that I would write you about it and perhaps you could emphasize in a letter to Mr. Mei that he should clear up the business arrangements regarding the handling of the body as soon as possible. I suggested to Dr. Moore that he should notify the Chinese Consul in the city if Mr. Mei did not attend to the matter in the near future.

I believe it would be quite appropriate for you to write Dr. Moore a letter sometime during the next few months telling him that you were glad to learn through me that he was willing to continue the arrangement of a Fellowship student in a year or two. On the other hand I understand how important it is for you to have time to pick the proper student for that post, particularly after the unfortunate ending of the first Fellowship. In any case, you can always count upon me doing my best to further the interests of Yenching University, and the future affiliation of Yenching and Washington University.

Dr. J. Leight Stuart - page 2.

By the way, I told Dr. Moore that you would be in the city on Sunday, the 24th, and I would take you out to his place to call. He said that he would be very happy indeed to see you, so if you do stop, I shall endeavor to make your time count as far as possible. I doubt very much though whether it will be possible to see Dr. MacIvor and Rev. Scarlett for Sunday is a busy day for them.

Very cordially yours,

HARVEY J. HOWARD

February 4, 1933.

Dr. Harvey J. Howard  
The Park Plaza  
Kingshighway and Maryland Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

*Noted for CL*

Dear Dr. Howard:

An announcement concerning the opening of your office at the Park Plaza in St. Louis has been called to my attention. May I extend my heartiest good wishes for your continued success, of which I have heard quite a good many favorable comments since you left us at the P.U.M.C.

I am planning to come to St. Louis before many weeks and hope to have an opportunity to see you and talk with you at that time. I am now connected with Yenching University, with headquarters in New York City, and I am hoping that we may be able to secure your cooperation in arrangements for Dr. Stuart when he comes over to America within the next few weeks. We are leaving New York City within the next few days and will come across the continent to St. Louis in a motor car. We will drop in upon you as soon as we arrive in your city.

I am looking forward with pleasure to renewing our acquaintance in Peking and hope to see your family also.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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July 27, 1933.

Mr. George G. Barber, President  
Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Barber:

In response to your letter of July 24, I am glad to accept the invitation of your Board to become a member of the Missouri Advisory Council of Yenching. As a former resident of Peiping and a personal friend of Doctor Stuart's and Doctor Gee's, I am happy to be connected in this semi-official capacity with the institution.

Very cordially yours,

*Dr. Harvey J. Howard*  
Harvey J. Howard.

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August 14th, 1936.

Dr. Harvey J. Howard,  
The Park Plaza Hotel,  
Kingshighway and Maryland Avenue,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Harvey:

This will introduce Mr. Hsien-yü Hsu who is to study at Washington University as the outgrowth of an idea which came to you in a vision of the night several years ago. Despite the tragic ending of our first experiment the time seems to have come for repeating it, and in this case we feel exceedingly hopeful about the choice of Mr. Hsu. His personal character and academic record combine with a pleasing personality to fit him for the plan we have in mind. His subject is mathematics, and it happens that Dr. Wiener, a youthful precocity who has continued the same sort of record in later life as professor of this subject at M.I.T., has been at Tsing Hua where Mr. Hsu studied under him. He has written in the highest terms of Mr. Hsu's abilities to a colleague of his at Washington.

I am sure that Mrs. Howard and you will be glad to take a personal interest in the young man, advising him as to a suitable church connection and other matters of adjustment. The men in our New York office will also count largely on your advice in building up a St. Louis constituency around the personality of Mr. Hsu, or at least the idea that lies behind his presence in the city.

With grateful remembrances of all the past kindness of Mrs. Howard and yourself,

As ever, your friend,

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April 15, 1936

Mr. Harvey J. Howard  
Park Plaza Hotel  
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Harvey:

The idea with which you awoke once at night, and which in its first application turned out so disastrously in the death of the student concerned, is being renewed in the case of another of our graduates whose record is enclosed herewith. As I reported to you Chancellor recommended a repetition of that relationship between the two institutions, preferably wither in Mathematics or Sociology. Upon my return here one of the first interviews I had was with Stanley Wilson who asked me if by any chance I had brought back in my pocket a fellowship for Mathematics. Mr. FSB is one of the students in which he has taken unusual interest because of his fine promise and our need of strengthening the work in Mathematics. I at once thought of St. Louis, and after further consultation among us, I am writing Chancellor asking him to confirm officially his agreement, and recommending this young man. I shall of course look upon you as our greatest friend in St. Louis and our adviser in whatever efforts are made. Mr. FSB's family had been quite prosperous in the silk business in Soochow, but as you know, that industry has suffered very seriously in China in recent years, and they are quite reduced in consequence. They can only contribute for the first year about L.C. \$1500 which at present exchange does not go very far. On the other hand, it would seem to me that our New York office might supplement what is necessary and make this a first charge against the funds which we hope to secure in St. Louis. We would naturally form a local committee, the members of which we would invite in consultation with you. The plan might be to ask that St. Louis maintain the whole of our Department of Mathematics, or take a certain amount by annual contributions or even in an endowment towards the general work of the University. In any case, the plan would be built up around this concrete personality of our representative who would be available for meeting interested groups. I am writing Mr. Hedrick of our New York office who from now on will be in charge of promotional work, and he will doubtless be in correspondence with you on the subject. I have written a brief letter to our Board of Trustees, with the request that a copy be sent to you. This will give you such news as there is, all of which is on the whole quite encouraging.

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As ever, affectionately yours,

Hsia, C.H.

學大京燕  
YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEKING, CHINA.

March 12, 1928

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

Dr. H. W. Luce,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.,  
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Luce,

In spite of the long interval of your departure, we still remember your lectures and your kind smile in associating with us. But Yenching has been passing through a drastic change since. Certainly it is a change of progress. In one of the items of the progress the Year Book named "Yenchinian" is going to be printed in the middle of April and published at the end of May.

We beg your assistance by giving us as soon as possible a recent picture of your own of about post card size and please give your reply together with your photo to Mr. Feng J. Chang, the Chairman of the Editorial department of "Yenchinian". Many thanks for your sympathy and participation.

Yours sincerely,

Editorial Department  
of "Yenchinian"

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學大京燕  
YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEKING, CHINA.

March 12, 1928.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

Dr. J. L. Stuart, President,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.,  
U. S. A.

Dear President Stuart,

Your constant communication with the University makes us much familiar with what you have been achieving in your painstaking financial campaign. Everything remains as it was here except one event which may appear new to you. The Year Book named "Yenchinian" which we had planned when we were in Kuei Chia Chang our old site, has actually come into being through the open-hearted co-operation between faculty and students. Various organizations have been formed and working enthusiastically. Every condition seems to be encouraging and promising. We plan to send it for printing in the middle of April and have it published at the end of May.

We beg your assistance by giving us as soon as possible a picture of your own of post card size and asking each of the Board of Trustees to give us an individual picture of the same size together with their degrees and honors in order to adorn our "Yenchinian". In addition will you please honor us by writing a preface for our "Yenchinian". Of course this is very urgent.

We have had a letter to Dr. Luce our Vice-president in America with the same purpose and your urging him to do what we have asked is greatly desired. Eagerly hoping you could do this in your less busy moment and give your reply to Mr. Feng J. Chang the Chairman of the Editorial Department of "Yenchinian".

Yours sincerely,

Editorial Department  
of "Yenchinian"

*C. H. Sia*

April 11, 1928

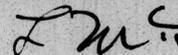
My dear Mr. Hsia:

Dr. Stuart has just returned from an extended trip in the middle west and is now entering on a very strenuous period of campaign work previous to his departure for China. For this reason he has asked me to reply to your letter of March 12th and wishes me to say that he is very much interested in what you have written in regard to the year book "Yenchinian".

In accordance with your request we are sending herewith a photograph of Dr. Stuart and the preface which you desire for publication in the "Yenchinian." As the time is very short before it goes to press, Dr. Stuart feels that it would be impossible to obtain from each of the trustees a similar photograph. Many of them are absent from New York or reside in other cities and it would probably take too long a time to secure these pictures from them.

As Dr. Luce is no longer connected with the University, we are not forwarding your letter to him.

Very sincerely yours,



Office Secretary

Mr. C. H. Hsia  
Editorial Department  
of "Yenchinian"  
Yenching University  
Tsinghua Yuan  
Peking West, China

April 12, 1928

One of the most gratifying items of news that has reached me here in far away America from the Yenching campus is that the Annual long-contemplated is this year really to be published. This indicates a growth of college spirit and of capacity for so ambitious an undertaking as well as a splendid loyalty to their Alma Mater on the part of our student body. It is impossible of course in this brief Foreword and when separated by so great a distance to comment on the as yet unknown contents of the Yenchingian, but like the readers of these sentences I shall look forward eagerly to what follows, and with this in prospect am all the more eager to return to China. I feel none the less confident that the editors will make this adventurous first volume a credit to the University and a fitting record of the year's achievements as well as set a standard for those that we all hope will annually follow.

J. L.S.