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# HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
January 6, 1929

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Before I left New York I called at the Office and was sorry to learn that you were sent to bed with a cold. You can imagine how happy I am to receive your letter, for it seems to indicate that you are well enough to be at work again. I do hope that you will not work yourself too hard.

Mrs. MacLean and Mr. Eldridge treated us with great kindness. Mr. Eldridge showed a delightful fondness for our two children, and they seem to like him very much, since their return to Cambridge, they mention of him every day. In our conversation, however, I noticed that he had never once inquired about Yenching; and having in mind that you had told me, I thought it wise not to say anything which might call to his mind any unpleasant associations. Mrs. Hung quoted to me that he did mention to her once that his interest in the University was the building of a school of religious education. I am inclined to believe that he is still interested in the old project. He is a man with a big generous heart and is tremendously interested in China. X 10

Your idea of getting him to go over to China next fall is an excellent one. I believe we should work on this idea a little more. When I saw Dr. Eric North, I was surprised to learn that he had not known of Mr. Eldridge's resignation from the Board of Trustees. He mentioned, however, that the resignation could not be acted upon until the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. In the meantime, he suggested that a letter should be written to Mr. Eldridge, acknowledging the receipt of his letter. I wonder it would not be wise for you to consult with Dr. North and think out a good letter.

I spoke to Dr. North, Mr. McBrier and Mr. Garside of my anxiety for the health of President Stuart and the suggestion of calling him back on some official pretext, - such as to assist in the organization of the formal opening invitations. These gentlemen seemed to approve of this idea. Please let me know if any official action has taken place. It may be wise to get Dr. Stuart to be in America in time for the annual meeting of the Trustees. He will be of great help in matter of Mr. Eldridge's resignation.

With kindest regards,

Mr. Clin D. Wannamaker,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

*W. C. Williams*

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January 8, 1929

Dear Mr. Hung:

Thank you for your very satisfactory reply regarding Mr. Eldridge and other matters. I hope to see him within a few days.

The question of a period of rest for Dr. Stuart came up briefly at a recent finance committee meeting. The very strong feeling was expressed that Dr. Stuart would get no rest whatever if he came to America and that it would be a wise thing to arrange for him to go to some such country as Switzerland where nobody could possibly call upon him for strenuous effort in any direction. The committee did not have time to reach a decision. I will take the matter up again.

I have been thinking about the need for some different sort of publicity regarding the formal opening of the University. I shall take this up with the finance committee. At the present moment we have no funds from which to draw for any expensive booklet but possibly the committee might make a special grant.

I am writing Dr. Porter in regard to a special effort that I hope he can make to secure local support for a Harvard man to go to Yenching. Possibly you as a Chinese member of the Yenching faculty may be able to assist very materially in this effort. Dr. Porter may want to call upon you to back him up.

Cordially,

Professor William Hung  
79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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January 9, 1929

Dear Mr. Hung:

First of all let me thank you for the delightful evening I spent in your home and through you extend to Mrs. Hung my grateful appreciation of the fine supper that was served. I enjoyed it very much.

I have thought a good deal about our conversation since I was with you and have been looking for a letter from you relative to certain programs of the University that you feel are very necessary as we face the future.

In a letter you wrote to Mr. Wannamaker under date of December 12th I note that you are to be in Cleveland on January 26th to speak before the Adult Educational Association of which Mr. Newton D. Baker is president. I wish you would confirm this appointment as I wish very much to be with you. Your introduction of me to Mr. Baker would be very profitable in Cleveland. I would also like to meet the group that you would meet at that gathering. I am sure that you are not forgetting that you are to get me an invitation to the parlor meeting to be held in Newton Centre the first week in February. I am very anxious to come to Boston again especially to follow up two rather promising leads I have and that will give me an opportunity to sit in with the Newton Centre group and also to see these other two people.

I note in your letter to Mr. Wannamaker your reference to Mr. Thornburg of Chicago and Evanston and that he is now the vice-president of the Dawes Company. I wonder if it would be possible for us to go to Chicago from Cleveland. You could introduce me to Mr. Thornburg and we might get an introduction through him to both of the Mr. Dawes. I would like also to meet Mr. Tittle and in that way extend the sphere of my influence in Chicago. Up to the present time in Chicago our efforts all along the line through the years have been fruitless. The fact is that we have never had the big men to back us up in our work there and unless we get the stamp of their approval on our work I do not believe we shall ever be able to do anything there. I do not know of anything you could help us in that would be more successful than to introduce me to the persons in Chicago who might be able to do this.

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Our Women's Committee in Chicago is especially active and they are willing to cooperate in anything that we do there but they feel with me that our work there has never been really successful.

If we should go to Chicago from Cleveland, I wonder if we might not return via Detroit making a personal appeal there to a man by the name of Rackham and one or two other people who are rather influential there and whom I have met.

I do not know of anything else to take up with you at this time except that I wish you would send me your itinerary for the next three months so that as far as possible I can fit my plans into yours, thus coordinating our efforts.

It was a delight to meet you personally and I feel that your sense of the University is a fine one. More and more it is coming to me that we must have a far-reaching program that coordinates all our units and brings them into an organized whole in our approach to the American giving public. I think the University has reached the day when appeals for special objectives should be incidental rather than unusual.

What do you think of a professorship for your chair and for that of Dr. T. T. Lew to be promoted from now on - each professorship to be for \$50,000 and to continue, of course, when either or both of you are done with your work? In that way money could be released for other objectives and the problem of administration in the University would be much more simple. I do not think it would be at all difficult to raise \$100,000 for professorships for you and Dr. Lew. Would you advise that this be done now or that the whole be combined in a campaign for \$500,000 endowment a year from now?

Write me in full about your library proposal as I am anxious to start work on that after I thoroughly think it through. As you can see, it is necessary for me to build up a giving clientele in that connection. How would it do if, after I get your proposal outlined, I should write to the librarians of the country asking them to give me names of people who would be interested in that sort of a program? I believe that this is possible of accomplishment within the next few years.

I guess that is all for this time. Be sure to write me about Dr. Vincent.

Sincerely,

Professor William Hung  
79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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YENCHING

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts,  
January 11, 1929.

**TRANSFER**

Dear B. A.:

I am now definitely planning to be present at the inauguration of Dr. Edmund D. Soper as president of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio; and shall appreciate if you will be so kind as to write President Soper about my appointment as an official representative of Yenching University at this happy occasion? This might serve as a sort of my official credential. The Inauguration is to take place on February 15th.

With kindest regards,

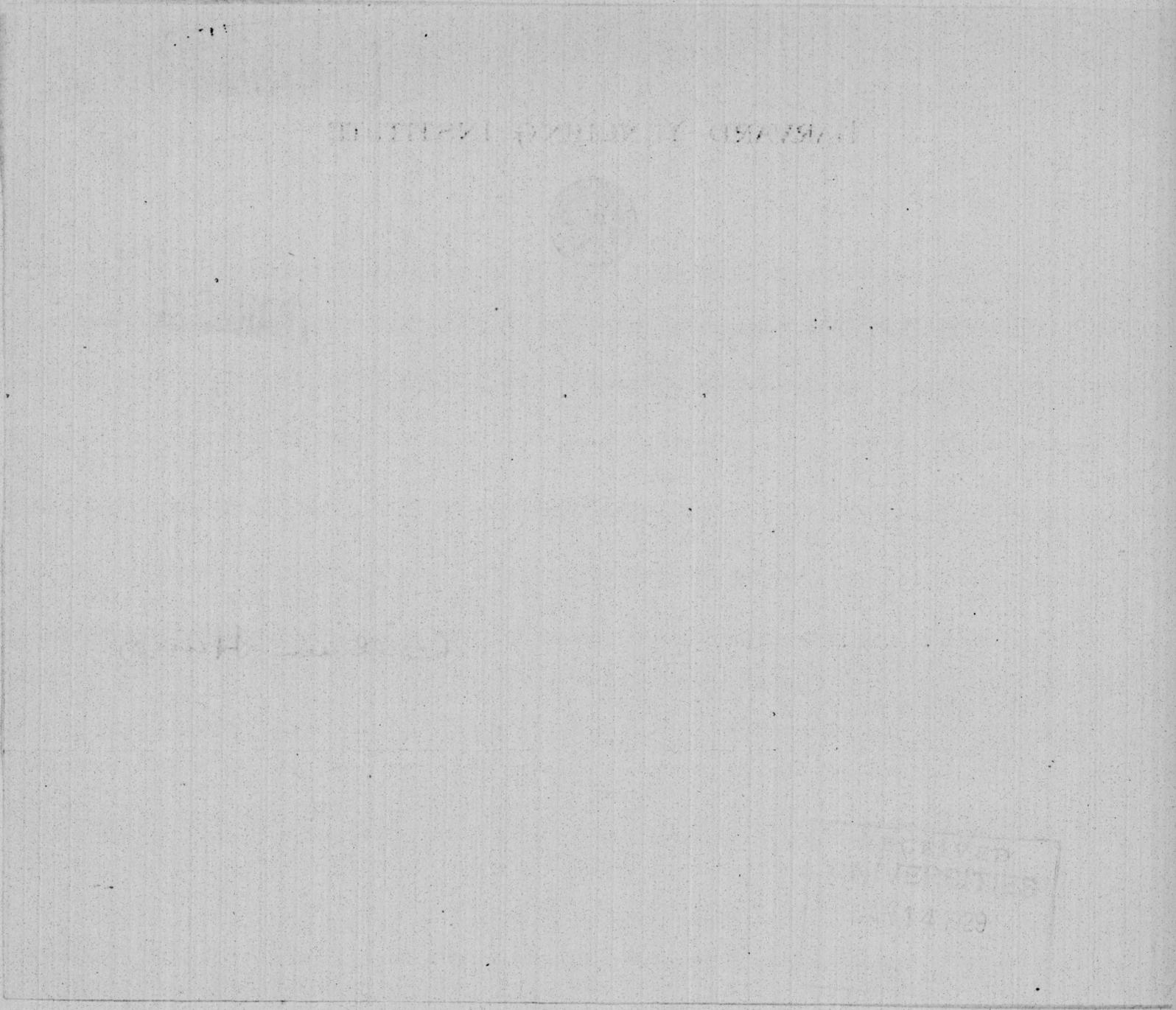
Very sincerely yours,

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

*William Hung*

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# HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
February 11, 1929

Dear B. A.:

TRANSLATION

There is another favor I would like to ask of you. I am in receipt of a letter from President Crawford of the University of Hawaii inquiring if I would accept the Carnegie Visiting Professorship of International Relations for 1929-1930. The plan of the University was to have a different nationality occupy the chair each year. They had given the chair to a Japanese Professor for one term and an English Professor from Australia for another during the present academic year. They would like to invite me to occupy that chair during the whole of the next academic year. They offer a very generous salary plus travelling expenses and the work is not very heavy and seems to leave me a good deal of time for my own research.

Besides the temptation of personal distinction in this invitation, the lovely climate of Honolulu and the joy of fellowship with a large circle of friends, there is the additional allurements in the possibility of cultivating in Honolulu a constituency for Yenching.

On the other hand I am not yet at all certain how much the University would be depending upon our return next autumn. I know the conditions of the department of history pretty well. They of course want me to be back next year but they might do without me for another year, although it would seem difficult for the department to spare me the year after next, in the event of a postponement of my going to Honolulu in 1930-1931, for Phillip de Vagas would be taking his sabbatical year then. I am more uncertain as to how much the Faculty and the Board of Managers would be counting on me to take an active part in the building up of the work of the Harvard Yenching Institute next year. I am greatly concerned in this for after I have been despatched by the University, together with Porter, to look after the work at the American end this year I have felt an obligation to carry it on in Peking if it is the wish of the people there to ask that of me. So far, however, from correspondence from home there has been no clear indication of this and Rhoda and I have been feeling that it may not be wise nor fair for us to turn down President Crawford's second time because I had declined last spring the invitation to have had the department of Chinese language and literature for the present year.

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## HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

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Mr. B. A. Garside

I am writing to President Crawford, outlining to him my general perplexities and asking if it is possible for me to come to Honolulu in another year.

In the meantime I feel that I ought to have the advice of President Stuart in this matter, who would doubtless consult the opinions of those who are closely concerned in Peking. Would you be so good as to send a cable message to him for me? You or Mr. Wannamaker must have frequent occasion of cable messages to him. This perhaps might be included in a coded message. It might possibly be something as follows: "Hung asks for advice on accepting University of Hawaii Carnegie Professorship for one year next autumn."

It is possible that President Crawford has addressed a letter to Dr. Stuart on this matter for he did write the University authorities last spring on his invitation to me to ~~have~~ the Chinese department this year. If this is the occasion it would not seem to be necessary to go very much into detail in the cable message.

I understand that the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute have decided to invite President Stuart to come to America before the end of the spring for consultation on an Institute program. Please let me know if our own trustees have approved of his coming back. In all events, however, it would be wise to send him my message of inquiry for in the first place I would like to have the advice as soon as possible, and, in the second, I would like to have him make the advice after he has an opportunity to consult the opinion of others.

I shall appreciate deeply if you can do this favor for me.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*William Hung*

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

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MEMORANDUM

Subject: The Needs of the Yenching University Library  
For: Dr. Chester E. Jenney  
February 14, 1929

The present library of Yenching University is housed in the beautiful Barry Memorial Library Building. It has now a collection of approximately 17,000 volumes in the European languages and about 100,000 volumes in Chinese.

From the standpoint of physical equipment one of the most urgent needs of the library is a complete steel stack. At present these books are put up on temporary wooden shelves. Although the building is fireproof, yet these temporary wooden stacks do constitute a danger, furthermore by the use of steel stack the capacity for the storage of books can be greatly increased. If at all possible I think a sum of \$10,000 would provide for the most excellent steel stack facilities of the library and it would be welcomed as one of the most excellent gifts.

In the matter of books I do not think it is necessary for us to go after funds for Chinese books. We have already an excellent library in Chinese and the funds from the Harvard-Yenching Institute can materially help further development on this line.

On the other hand there is a most urgent need of more foreign books on the various subjects of the University study. It has been estimated that if we can have an annual budget of, say \$10,000 silver, we ought to be able to meet the modest demands of all of the departments of instruction in the way of new acquisitions for the library.

The best way it seems to me would be to secure an endowment, say of \$100,000 gold, which would probably yield an annual income of \$10,000 silver for the purposes of foreign books in the library.

If a lump sum endowment donation is not possible smaller gifts ought to be welcome also. Smaller gifts, either for endowment or for current purchases are all welcome. It may be a wise approach to advise the prospective donors to give a sum, say for English Literature or French Literature or Chemistry ~~or Chemistry~~ or Mathematics, American History, English History, etc. The University Library is quite ready to prepare special book plates which will commemorate these donations.

William Hung.

MEMORANDUM

Subject: A Dr. Vincent for the Bureau of University  
Extension at Yenching University.

For: Dr. Chester E. Jenney

February 16, 1929

Dr. Howell S. Vincent spent a number of years in Siam where he developed an excellent tannery works in connection with the Presbyterian Mission. He went to Yenching on the invitation of the President to start the Department of Leather Tanning. In a few years time he had built up a magnificent department known throughout the length and breadth of China and his pioneering work has been the inspiration for the start of several other leather tanning departments in different sections of China. He has trained a number of Chinese experts in the industry who are all now engaged in productive work. Two years ago he left Yenching University leaving the department in the charge of a very enterprising young Chinese instructor, Mr. Paul Chang, who is now doing splendid work, although under some handicaps such as the limitation of staff as well as his own poor health.

A number of the friends are at present urging Dr. and Mrs. Vincent to return to Yenching University again. It seems as if it would not be necessary for him to give his whole time to the Department of Leather Tanning, although his advice and teaching of certain courses will be needed. Most of us have high estimation of Dr. Vincent's special inventive gift, his thoroughly practical understanding of the common daily need of the poor people of China and his fine spirit of Christian service. We feel that, while the University is at present pushing rapidly along the line of scientific and literary research it would be very desirable for the University as a whole to keep constantly in view the common daily prosaic needs of the poor people of China. It would be fine if the work of instruction and research can be in some way related to the problems of actual social and economic application to the needs of the poor industrial and agricultural communities of China.

It has been thought worthwhile to have at the University a man like Dr. Vincent to head up a department or bureau under some such title as a Bureau of University Extension where the practical problems of the common needs of the people are gathered and submitted to the various departments for study and research or where some practical inventions can be worked out to meet such economic or engineering need, in other words, the whole sphere of activities of which his previous work in the inauguration of leather tanning training may be offered as a type.

The financial need of such an advantage would call for the annual salary of the Vincents which might be estimated in round figures about \$2500.00 in gold per year and as much endowment or annual gift as possible to look after a minimum

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staff of assistants. There might be need also of a minimum equipment in order to facilitate the work of inventions.

My suggestion would be that if you should run into any people who might be interested in such a project, the best thing would be to get Dr. Vincent to come in touch with these people.

William H. H. H.

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TRANSD.

Yenching University

February 15, 1929

Professor William Hung,  
79 Martin Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Professor Hung:

We have your letter of February 11th. As you requested we included in the cablegram we were sending to Yenching last night the following inquiry on your behalf:-

"William Hung asks for advice on accepting University of Hawaii Carnegie professorship next autumn for one year."

We quite appreciate the many and important considerations which would influence you toward accepting the Carnegie professorship in Hawaii next year. On the other hand I know Yenching University would be extremely reluctant to lose you for the year, particularly since you would just be returning from America after an extremely valuable time of study and contact with the Harvard-Yenching Institute here. Further than that I will not attempt to offer any comments at this time but will await word from Dr. Stuart.

The Executive Committee yesterday gave approval to the suggestion that we invite Dr. Stuart to come back to America this spring and I got off a cable to that effect last night. I suppose we should keep the matter quite confidential until we have some intimation from the field that Dr. Stuart will be able to accept the invitation.

Give our warmest good wishes to Mrs. Hung and the girls.

Cordially yours,

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
February 18, 1929

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My dear Mr. Garside:

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Some time ago you were kind enough in making arrangements to furnish bond for Mr. Wen-li Chang at Harvard University in accordance with the regulations of Harvard University. I am writing now to inquire if it is possible for you to do this once more as a favor to another graduate of Yenching.

Mr. Yu-yuan Chang was graduated from Yenching in 1924. He arrived in Cambridge a few days ago. President Stuart, I understand, had made arrangements for him to take graduate work in municipal government at Harvard. Although he has not carried with himself his transcript of record from the registrar's office of the University he has been tentatively accepted by Dean Chase of the graduate school on the strength of my recommendation. Mr. Chang is supporting himself financially. He has saved some money since his graduation from Yenching and his father, who is an official with the National Government of China, is also financing him.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the bond blank of Harvard University and I am sure it will be of great assistance to Mr. Chang if our trustees will be kind enough to furnish this bond for him. I would have gladly done this help for him personally except it is against the rules of Harvard University to have a member of the staff furnish bond for a student.

Having been Mr. Chang's Dean I know him to be an honest and reliable man and I am certain that our trustees or yourself will have no occasion for regret in case you can do him this favor. I realize, of course, that his case is slightly different from that of Mr. Wen-li Chang, whose finances are to a certain extent looked after by our American Office. In case you should feel any hesitancy in this case of Mr. Yu-yuan Chang please be frank about it.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

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Yenching University

February 20, 1929

Professor William Hung,  
79 Martin Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear William:

We have now had a reply to the cablegram sent to Peking on Thursday last. In answer to the inquiry we made regarding their advice on your acceptance of the University of Hawaii professorship, they have cabled. "Would like William Hung to come home next summer".

In response to our request that Dr. Stuart plan to come to America this spring, the field cabled "Strongly urge Stuart must remain here until October unless there is some advantage from financial point of view of considerable value. Health in excellent shape".

As to your own personal plans, I suppose there is nothing further that our office can do at this time in helping to reach a decision. If we can serve in any way please call on us. I am asking the different members of the Executive Committee whether they think we ought to follow up any further the invitation to Dr. Stuart to return this spring. If there are any new developments along this line I will communicate them to you.

For some time there has been a discussion of the possible designs for a Yenching seal. At the suggestion of Dr. Stuart we asked Mr. George B. Barbour to make a study of the matter and to offer suggestions. I am enclosing herewith two sketches showing Mr. Barbour's tentative suggestion. His thought, as you will note, is to have the Yenching monogram in the center of the seal surrounded by the words "Trustees of Yenching University". I would appreciate it if you would give us your comments on the proposal and would also talk with Dr. Porter and any others whose judgment would be of value. In particular, we would like your opinion on such points as the following:-

1. What do you think of the general idea of having the Yenching monogram in the center surrounded by the name of the University?
2. What should be the exact wording or arrangement of the name that appears on the seal. The corporate name of the University is "Trustees of Yenching University" so probably the corporate seal should bear this title. On the other hand, there may be some places where the use of the phrase "Trus-

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tees of Yenching University" on the seal might not be entirely satisfactory.

3. Have you any other general or specific comments or suggestions?

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

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Yenching University ✓  
Fukien Christian University

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February 25, 1929

Mr. William Hung,  
79 Martin Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear William:

We acknowledge receipt of your two letters of February 18th.

We very much appreciate your check for \$50.00, representing a further payment on account of a pledge of Mr. Hanford Crawford for the work of Fukien Christian University. Our records agree with your understanding that there remains only \$25.00 more to complete the payment of this pledge. We are certainly mighty grateful to you for the way in which you have undertaken this Fukien responsibility for Mr. Crawford.

I trust that before this you have received my letter of February 20th quoting the reply we received from Peking in answer to your inquiry about the University of Hawaii professorship. In response to your question, I would say that the part of our cablegram to Peking covering your query amounted to six words which are charged for by the cable company at gold \$1. a word. However, we are willing to count this part of the cable as a fair charge against University funds, and have not thought of asking you to be personally responsible for it.

I will bring to the attention of the Finance Committee the request for a bond to Harvard College in favor of Mr. Yu-yuan Chang. Dr. Stuart has mentioned his interest in Mr. Chang, and I personally would be very happy to do anything I can to assist him. I am not quite sure, however, whether the Finance Committee will feel itself authorized to sign his bond for him unless his expenses are being, in some way, provided from University funds. During the past few months our office has been asked to provide the bonds of a number of Yenching students now studying in America, most of whom we have known very little about. So the Finance Committee has been forced to take a rather conservative course. However, there will be a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday of next week and I will see that the matter is given careful consideration at that time. We are very glad to have your cordial word of endorsement because I know that will have a great deal of weight with the Committee.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BAG-H

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
March 3, 1929

YENCHING

*Talked over  
with Miller  
Very warmly.*

Dear B. A.:

I am returning to you the enclosed designs for a seal of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University. I have consulted the matter with Mr. Porter. Both of us are agreed that the smaller one with the Yenching Chinese monogram in the center and the English words in the border is the best.

With warmest personal regards.

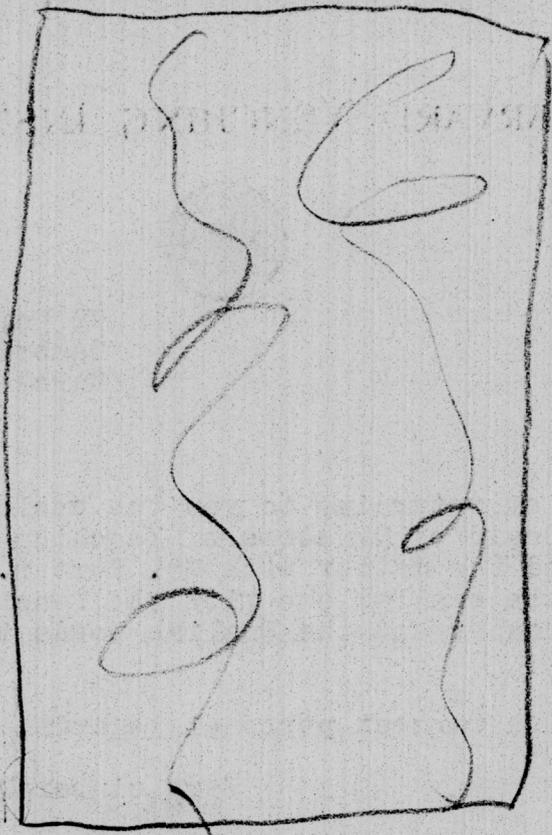
Very sincerely yours,

*William Hung*

Mr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
March 11, 1929

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*Called 3/20/29  
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Dear B.A.:

TRAN.

As I had to leave New York for Washington last Friday evening I was sorry that I did not have an opportunity of seeing you again before returning to Cambridge. Let me thank you for paying for my collect telegram from Washington. I shall refund the sum if you will be kind enough to let me know the figures.

I did have a long conference with Dr. Eric North on the problems involved in our returning to Peking next fall. He seemed to think that the joint invitation to me from Professor Schlesinger on behalf of the department of history and Dean Chase on behalf of the Institute is more important than the invitation from the University of Hawaii. Dr. North had also in mind that I had an obligation to help the work of the Institute either in Peking or Cambridge. He advised the sending of another cable inquiry to Peking.

In view of this I would like to request you to send a coded cable with a message somewhat as follows:

"History and Institute invite Hung. Requests leave next year. Recommends SEWang. Prefers history to municipal government. YKKuo knows. Cable decision."

You will note that in view of the rather weak wording in the cable reply I received from Peking I have decided this time to put my message in a rather positive wording, "Requests leave next year."

The second part of the message has to do with a young man who had received an invitation from Vice President Y. K. Kuo to teach municipal government. I have seen Dr. Wang in Washington and I like him very much indeed. He informed me that he has done a good deal of graduate work in history but very little in municipal government. He does not hesitate to teach history but would not like to receive an appoint to teach municipal government. In a previous letter President Stuart had asked me to look for a new teacher of history to take the place of one of the Chinese professors leaving us next session. He asked me to cable him when such a person is found so my meeting Wang in Washington comes in handy here.

As this cable message is altogether on University business I am not thinking of meeting its cost personally. If you should think, however, that I should defray the cost I shall

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gladly do so.

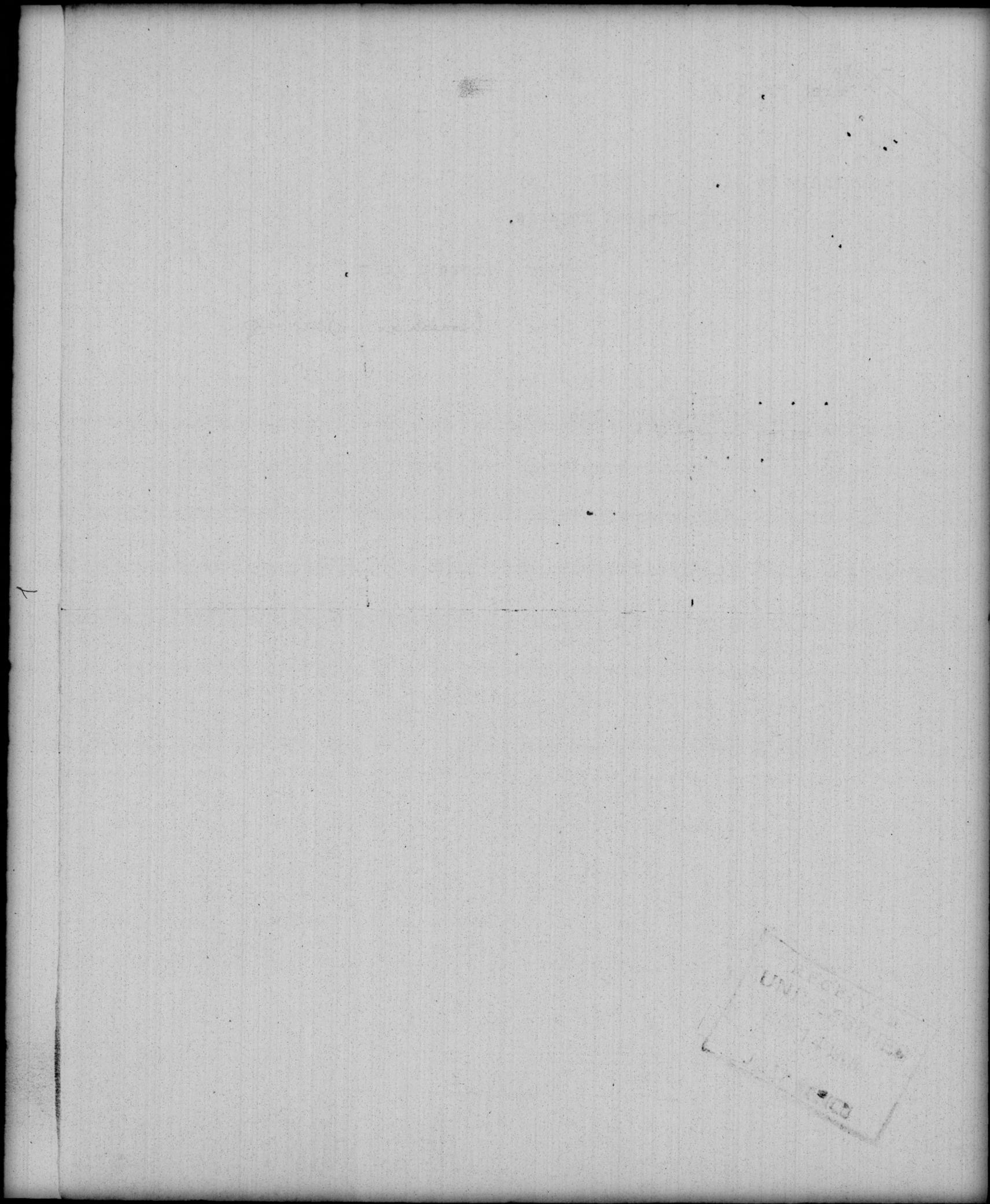
With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*William Hung*

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

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Yenching University

March 25, 1929

Mr. William Hung,  
79 Martin Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear William:

We have just received from Yenching a cablegram reading as follows:

"HUNG ELECTED CHAIRMAN DEPARTMENT HISTORY TWO YEARS WITH FULL POWER TO DECIDE LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR NEXT YEAR RESPONDING TO (OUR) LETTER OF MARCH FIRST OF THIS YEAR de VARGAS APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF HUNG GIVING IT A TRIAL FOR ONE YEAR IF YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE IT WILL BE INFERRED THAT MR. AND MRS. HUNG ALL EXPENSES WILL BE ACQUAIED BY HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE WHEN MR. HUNG ARRIVE."

Apparently these are the points on which the field requests further information:- (a) whether we are satisfied with Dr. S.F. Kent's Christian attitude; (b) when Dr. Hung will arrive in Yenching. Will you please let us have such additional information on these points as you can.

We have not yet received the letter of March 1st from Professor de Vargas. Possibly such a letter may be addressed to you rather than to our office. If such a letter reaches us we will see that a copy of it is at once forwarded to you.

Very cordially yours,

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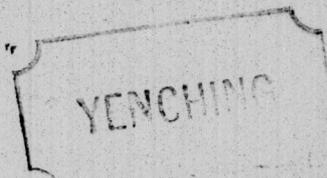
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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
March 27, 1929

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



Dear B.A.:

I want to thank you for your kind letters of March 20th, 22nd and 25th. I have communicated to Dean Chase here at Harvard the content of the first part of the cablegram from Peking concerning my spending another year at Harvard. I think this matter will soon be settled when the definite appointments are made from Harvard. For the time being it may be wise to keep open the reservations on SS. President Pierce and SS. President Hayes for us. Just as soon as we have found the matter of our staying at Harvard another year definitely settled I shall of course let you know and ask your favor to cancel these reservations.

**TRANSFER**

I shall write Dr. S. T. Wang more definitely about the date of the possibility of his getting to Yenching. By the way, I understand you have in your office some of those personnel application blanks. Can you arrange to have a set sent me. I might be able to get Mr. Wang to fill out a set of these blanks.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*William Hung*

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April 10, 1929

Dear Mr. Hung:

We are out of cash for both S. J. Chang and W. L. Chang. I have just addressed a letter to one other friend asking for a gift and hope it may meet with favorable response. I have just had a letter from Dr. Stuart in which he says that I am to make note of his personal underwriting of the fund to the amount of \$500 though of course he would find it somewhat difficult if called upon to make this payment. I shall, of course, do everything possible to secure the rest of the money without having to call upon Dr. Stuart. I have no doubt we can succeed.

Just now I write to ask whether you can inform us when the \$500 donation for the publishing of a book which you generously offered to the Chang fund will be available, in order that I may inform Mr. Garside.

If you think of any other likely donor, I shall be happy if you can approach him or give me the suggestion.

I do not know what response Dr. Coffin may have sent to the letter from Dr. Stuart asking for a renewal of his gift. If you have an opportunity to take this matter up personally with Dr. Coffin, it seems to me that such a conversation would be entirely in order and would be of much value.

Mr. Eldridge is supposed to have come back to the city at the beginning of April after a prolonged absence. Having now given him a little breathing space to catch up with his work, I hope to get in touch with him in a few days. If you have an opportunity to see him, perhaps we might either singly or jointly try to discover just what possibility there is of renewing his effort in behalf of the school of education.

Cordially,

Professor William Hung  
79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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YENCHING

TRANSFER

Yenching University

April 16, 1929

Mr. William Hung,  
79 Martin St.,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear William:

I am sorry that a host of meetings during the last ten days has delayed my acknowledgment of your letter of March 27th.

During the last fortnight there have been several interchanges of cablegrams between our office and Yenching. Two days ago we received a cablegram from Yenching reading as follows:

"HUNG, IF YOU ACCEPT HARVARD, DO YOU APPROVE RETAINING T.L.WANG FOR ONE YEAR, USING YOUR SALARY, S.F.WANG, DE VARGAS ACTING IN YOUR BEHALF?"

We have had no direct word from you as to whether you plan to accept the Harvard appointment for next year. Dr. North stated that he understood you would probably accept the Harvard invitation but as yet we have not attempted to make any report to Peping as to your decision.

In your letter of March 27 you requested a set of regular personnel application blanks used by our office which you thought it might be well to have Dr. S.F. Wang fill out. I am enclosing a set of these blanks herewith.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

Enc.

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# HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
April 18, 1929

My dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I have just come back from my trip to Greencastle, Indiana; St. Louis, Missouri; and Chicago, Illinois, and I hasten to write in reply to your letter of April 10th. I am sorry to hear that we are out of cash for both S. J. Chang and W. L. Chang. Would it be possible for you to give me a statement of the receipts and disbursements so far?

With reference to the second paragraph of your letter I am sorry to say that the \$500.00 originally given by Mrs. Shoemaker for the publication of a book, I had already turned over to President Stuart last July. That \$500.00 had gone into the expenses of Mr. W. L. Chang's trip from China to America.

When I was in St. Louis last week I made a full report to Mrs. J. T. Shoemaker on the use of her gift. She seemed to be very much interested in the story I had to tell about Mr. W. L. Chang. She, however, told me that she had pledged \$1000.00 to the University as a result of the pressing requests during the latter part of the half million dollar campaign. So far as I could gather she had not paid this money and judging from the way she mentioned this contribution I hesitated to approach her for more donation for Mr. Chang this year although previously she had annually sent me from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 for various purposes. Will you be good enough to have this matter checked up from the files of the office and to find out if the \$1000.00 pledge was in answer to one of those calls which you sent out, as I understood, which was not to be called upon unless it was absolutely necessary to make up the total so as not to lose Mr. Boyd's contribution. If this is so I would suppose that you may not need to call upon her to pay this pledge and the way may be open for either you or myself to write her to give that amount to Mr. Chang.

When I was in New York I did have a conference with Dr. Coffin. We had time enough, however, only to talk about the School of Religion at Yenching and I took the opportunity to convey to Dr. Coffin the information about Dean Chao's fine leadership in the religious life of Yenching University. I thought it best for me not to press the question of the renewal of his gift but to give him my own personal admiration of Dean Chao. Dr. Coffin seemed to be very much interested in my story and he even said that it would be worthwhile sometime to have Dean Chao come to Union.

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You may be interested to know that while in Chicago I made a call on Mrs. Blaine. I had tea with her at her house only half an hour before the departure of my train to return to the East. She spoke of Dr. Stuart in highest terms and was very much interested in the work we are trying to do in China. I did not have opportunity, of course, to mention about our needs. She was kind enough to invite me to call upon her again should I come to Chicago later. This invitation I accepted, although I am not at all certain now when I shall be in Chicago again.

There is an excellent student at Yenching who will take his Master's Degree in History probably this June. He graduated from the University several years ago and is without doubt one of the finest men whom we have ever turned out. I have recently arranged with a friend to stand ready to bring him over to this country and to finance his graduate study for two or three years. At the present moment I have not yet made up my mind whether I would send him to Princeton, Harvard, or Chicago. It occurs to me that while we have had students who made excellent records at Harvard and at Chicago it is rather a pity that we have never had a real good student representative at Princeton. I am very sure that this Mr. Li will make an excellent impression for Yenching wherever he goes and I am wondering whether or not I ought not to try to place him in Princeton. On the other hand I understand that Princeton has had rather some drastic limitation as to its graduate school enrollment. Can you give me some information about this and also what the possibilities are there which we might work to place him there. Please note this is only a tentative thought in my own mind for I am not at all certain that Princeton is necessarily the best place for him in view of the special training I wish him to have. I was thinking of Princeton particularly because of the lovely quiet atmosphere where a newcomer would get probably a better impression of America than either Cambridge or Chicago and also because of the unique and fine relationship between Princeton and Yenching Universities.

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Very cordially yours,

*William Hung*

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
April 21, 1929

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YENCHING

TRANSMIT.

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

Dear B.A.:

Thank you for forwarding to me the cable message from Peking. I think we ought to send a reply for which I would suggest a coded message which might contain some such information as follows:

"Hung accepts Harvard another year. Approves T.L.Wang. S.F.Wang not church-member, sympathetic toward Christians. He can arrive September fourteenth. Cable your decision. Tell Li Chung Hui may expect trip money July".

The first part of the message is quite clear. As to S. F. Wang in view of the fact we cannot expect him to make definite religious contribution to our University as President Stuart and Dr. de Vargas would like to have it, I am referring the decision entirely to them.

The last part of the message has to do with the bringing of a very brilliant graduate student Mr. Li. I have secured the promise of a friend in Chicago who will look after financing him for two or three years graduate study in America. I am expecting a check of \$600.00 by July 1st which I shall deposit with you and I would then request you to send another cable to President Stuart stating the money for Li's trip is at hand.

In view of the fact that we have decided to accept Harvard's invitation for another year I would request you to be good enough to cancel the steamer reservations for us. I want to thank you heartily for your kindness in looking after that for us.

I wrote a letter by hand on the train from Boston to Greencastle, Indiana, requesting you to send certain cable information to President Stuart. Have you received this letter and I shall be glad to know about the message which you have sent.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*William Hung*

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INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE



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April 23, 1929

Dear Mr. Hung:

Thank you for your letter of April 18th. I am sending herewith a statement of the money pledged for the expenses of Messrs. S. J. and W. L. Chang and of the money expended. Mr. Garside is getting this statement ready for me now and I do not know whether he has the facts available to indicate expenditures made in Peking or only those made from his office. If he does not include any expenditures made in Peking, I suppose we may assume that the whole of the \$500 you delivered to President Stuart has already been expended.

There is no indication in any communication from Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker that she intended her pledge of \$1,000, payable within three years, to be conditioned upon our requiring this amount to reach the goal of the campaign and thus confirm the pledge of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd. I can well understand that Mrs. Shoemaker may have felt that the pressure from this office was somewhat excessive under the circumstances. I suppose it will never be possible to avoid giving that impression to some of our friends. It will always be a choice between creating that impression in the minds of some, on the one hand, and succeeding in our effort or, on the other hand, carefully abstaining from the possibility of such an impression and failing to secure the funds needed by the University. Since, however, Mrs. Shoemaker did not make any statement of a condition, I should have no right to suggest the modification of her pledge unless the finance committee should see fit to raise the question. My office has nothing whatever to do with the allocation of pledged money, a function which belongs exclusively to the finance committee. That committee has taken the position hitherto that there was not nearly enough surplus beyond the total of \$500,000 for the objectives actually mentioned in the campaign to make up for the anticipated loss in the payment of pledges during the period of three or more years. Indeed, one pledge of \$7,500, which was secured after the close of the campaign but partly as a result of the campaign efforts, has definitely been classified by the finance committee as belonging to the objectives of the campaign in order to increase the surplus available to cover losses in the collection of pledges.

I will mention to the finance committee at its next meeting the question you raise in regard to Mrs. Shoemaker and will let you know what the reaction of the committee is.

I am a little sorry that Dr. Stuart in his letter to Dr. Coffin regarding the renewal of his pledge did not suggest that Dr. Coffin communicate with this office. Under all the circumstances, since Dr. Stuart has written him and you have seen him personally, I hesitate distinctly to raise the question with him as to what he intends to do. This would be at least untactful. I can only wait, therefore, until I learn from Dr. Stuart what reply Dr. Coffin sent to his letter.

I think it would be an excellent thing if you should arrange for the history student you mention, Mr. Li, to enroll in the graduate school at Princeton. In order to do this, it will be necessary to have his entire scholastic record in due form and in ample time for him to be considered on May 1st. According to a letter I had recently from Dean Trowbridge, that is the date for final decisions regarding all applicants. The graduate school is very rigid in its requirements and procedure. My effort to secure admission for W. L. Chang upon cabled request from Dr. Stuart and without detailed information was entirely futile. I had the same experience in asking for admission for B.H. Li, though in the second case the information that came to me from Dean Trowbridge was that Mr. Li had previously been considered and rejected and that there seemed no occasion for re-opening the question.

Whether the Princeton graduate school has had some unfortunate experience with Chinese students - I have heard vaguely that such is the case - or whether they simply apply the same rigid requirements to all alike, I do not know. It would be well for you to visit Princeton at some time and discuss this whole matter or perhaps take it up through Mr. Burgess who is now in this city. I presume you cannot possibly get the credentials of your student to Princeton by May 1st. Should you wish to have him considered - subject to a change in your own plans later - you should send the credentials to

Augustus Trowbridge, Ph.D.  
Dean of the Graduate School  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey

Sincerely yours,

Professor William Hung  
79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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# HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
April 25, 1929

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Thank you for your letter of April 23rd and especially for the information concerning Princeton. I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Dean Trowbridge for your reference.

Since Mrs. Shoemaker's pledge of a thousand dollars was intended for those items as specified in our campaign for \$500,000.00 I do not think it is wise to ask the Finance Committee of our Board of Trustees to allocate that thousand dollars for Mr. W. L. Chang. In view of the fact, however, that the pledge is payable within three years I am beginning to wonder whether it will be advisable to approach Mrs. Shoemaker for a gift especially for W. L. Chang for next year. She has been giving on the average of \$1000.00 to us and unless she intends to restrict her giving during the next few years I am inclined to think that there is no reason why she should not give more than \$1000.00 during three years time. I should like to hear your judgment on this point.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*William Hung*

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P.S. I have also your letter concerning Mrs. James J. Sterrow. I shall be waiting for an opportunity to meet her.

79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
April 25, 1929

Professor Augustus Trowbridge  
Dean of the Graduate School  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Dean Trowbridge:

I am writing to inquire whether you would accept Mr. Ch'ung-hui Li, B.A. Yenching University 1925, as a graduate student in history at Princeton University.

Since his graduation Mr. Li has been employed as an assistant in the Department of History at Yenching University, Peking, China, and has carried part time graduate study. He expects to obtain his M.A. Degree from Yenching University this coming June and he plans to come to America this autumn to pursue further graduate study in history for two or three years. I have been asked to advise him in the choice of a school. At the present moment my first choice falls on Princeton, partly because of the charmingly quiet atmosphere of the city of Princeton, which, for a foreign student, is to be preferred to one of the big metropolitan cities, and partly because of the satisfactory beginnings of a relationship between Princeton and Yenching Universities in the studies of the social sciences.

I realize that Princeton University has a rigid restriction of the Graduate School enrollment and also that applications for admission should be submitted together with academic credentials before May 1st. There will not be time enough for Mr. Li to make his personal application and to send his complete transcript of record. I am writing to inquire if you will be good enough to accept him tentatively on my recommendation. I was head of the Department of History as well as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the time of Mr. Li's graduation. I believe that I know quite well the quality of Mr. Li's scholarship, although I cannot give a detailed description just now of all the courses which he has taken and of the results attained by him. He was graduated with honors and I should say that he stands easily within the first ten of the graduates of Yenching University during the last five or six years, both from the standpoint of scholarship and of character. I may add that his finances as a graduate student are well provided for.

I might be permitted to add that judging from Mr.

Li's record at Yenching I do not think he will have difficulty in being accepted by such Universities as Harvard, Columbia and Chicago, which have accepted quite a few of a number of graduates of Yenching University. Mr. Li speaks and writes English quite well and I believe he can also read German. In his training in History I believe he has had most of the courses given by the Department of History at Yenching University, which includes quite a variety of courses in Chinese as well as foreign history.

Should you be inclined to accept Mr. Li tentatively on the basis of this recommendation I can arrange to cable Yenching University to forward his application and the transcript of his record at once. During the present academic year I have been on Sabbatical leave of absence from Yenching and have been teaching at Harvard University in connection with the Harvard-Yenching Institute of Chinese Studies.

Very truly yours,

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YENCHING

TRANSFER

May 2, 1929.

Yenching University

Mr. William Hung,  
79 Martin Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear William:

We have just received a cablegram from Yenching in which the following statement appears:

"WE APPROVE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF S. P. WANG."

Apparently this clears the way for us to make definite arrangements with Dr. Wang for his appointment to Yenching. Will you please advise us as to the procedure we should follow and how our office here in New York can best assist in making arrangements with Dr. Wang. Since you have been acting as the representative of the University in this matter I feel we should look to you for leadership.

At the same time we sent the information concerning Dr. Wang as requested by your letter of April 21st, we added a request that they inform Li Chung Hsi that he might expect trip money in July. I also quoted to Dr. Stuart in a letter I sent last week the further information you gave regarding arrangements for Mr. Li.

We have cancelled your steamer reservations for you as requested. We are happy at the thought that you will be with us here in America for another year, though I know they will miss you greatly on the field.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:A

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May 3, 1929

Dear Mr. Hung:

Thank you for your letter of April 25th. I hope you may get a favorable reply from Dean Trowbridge. Mr. Burgess is going to Princeton next week primarily for an interview with Dean Wicks but I am sure he would be glad to talk with Dean Trowbridge if you think this might be of some assistance. You can address Mr. Burgess at this office.

I shall be glad to have you use your own judgment in regard to Mrs. Shoemaker. At the time that we sent a telegram to her and to a number of other friends of the University, I had no information that she had been sending contributions to the field. The record stands as follows - though this may be incomplete since we do not always receive information regarding gifts sent directly to Peking.

8/23/24	Univ. salaries - Wm. Hung	\$1,000
7/22/25	Current Expenses under Wm. Hung	1,000
1/8/27	Misc. Current Gifts " " "	900
5/28/28	Property & Equipment " " "	500
12/15/28	1928 Camp. Undesignated (Pledge)	1,000

The \$900 of 1/8/27 and the \$500 of 5/28/28 were sent direct to Peking and did not come through the campaign office.

It seems to me that you might possibly present the matter of W. L. Chang to Mrs. Shoemaker in such a way that she would be induced to make a pledge for him which would take the place of a contribution she has generally sent directly to the field and that this would not interfere with the payment of the \$1,000 pledge she made for undesignated uses. I think it rather important, however, that if you do write her, you refer specifically to this pledge made in December, payable in three years, explaining that this pledge has been allocated by the finance committee for one of the equipment objectives included in that campaign and that you cannot ask the committee to change that allocation. Otherwise, she might reply to your letter suggesting that this money be used for the purpose you have in mind. It would be well to let me have a copy of your letter if you write Mrs. Shoemaker, so that we may avoid crossing wires.

Cordially,

Professor William Hung  
79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
May 9, 1929

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Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker  
Country Club Grounds  
Clayton  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

When I called on you and Dr. Shoemaker about a month ago I made a report of how I had turned the \$500.00 generous gift from you, given last year, to Mr. W. L. Chang, a graduate student of Yenching University, as a part of a fund which President Stuart and several other members of the faculty of Yenching University have gotten together to help Mr. Chang's further training abroad. So far Mr. Chang's trip from China to America and his expenses here at Harvard for one year have been well covered by generous contributions. I am at present working on the problem for his support for the year after the coming summer and I am writing to find out if you would be interested to share again in helping this worthy young man and his work.

My present plan is that Mr. Chang will go to have some practical experience on a model farm near Lyons, New York, during the summer. After this practical farm experience he will start probably the middle part of the autumn on his journey home to China by way of Europe. He will spend a few weeks apiece in Ireland, Denmark, Germany and Russia, making a survey of mainly the rural conditions in those countries. He will expect to be back in China to continue his work in the Better Village Movement sometime next spring. My estimate for this trip of observation and study is that he will need about \$1500.00. Toward this sum a friend here in Boston has pledged to give \$200.00 with a further promise of another sum by next Christmas.

After learning that you had again pledged \$1000.00 to Yenching University I hesitated a good deal at first in calling upon you again to assist in Mr. Chang's training. I have found, however, from Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker, assistant to President Stuart who has charge of our University campaign work in America, that your generous pledge was made in answer to a telegraph request from our campaign office, that the money is a part of the half million dollars, now happily all pledged, to cover the list of specifically designated items and that your pledge was a pledge payable in three years time. In view of the fact that we cannot call upon that \$1000.00 for

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the training of Mr. Chang and in view that you need not pay this pledge immediately I wonder if you would not like to make a further contribution to help the training of Mr. Chang. If you should feel inclined to do so I would suggest that you send the money also to Mr. Wannamaker, 150 Fifth Avenue, designating it for the fund for Mr. Chang.

It was a pleasure to see you and Dr. Shoemaker again. I do hope that you have now entirely recovered from your trouble with the ankle and that Dr. Shoemaker is making progress toward his recovery.

Mrs. Hung joins me in kindest regards and best wishes.

Gratefully yours,

Wm. Hung

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
May 12, 1929

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Dr. Stuart 6/13/29

YENCHING

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

My dear B.A.:

Thank you for forwarding to me the message concerning the appointment of S. T. Wang. I am writing to Mr. Wang making the suggestion the matter of salary and the question of courses and other business details might be handled directly between him and President Stuart and Dr. de Vargas after his arrival in Peking next September. My suggestion hitherto has been that the appointment will be on the basis of one year as this would give complete freedom for both Mr. Wang and the University in deciding whether or not the relationship might be continued after the first year. In view of this I do not know whether it would be necessary for Mr. Wang to fill the personnel blanks and whether certain business details might be handled through our American office. //

I might know better however receiving Mr. Wang's answer and after further instructions from Peking.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

William Hung

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Yenching University

May 21, 1929.

Prof. William Hung,  
79 Martin Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear William:

Thanks for your letter of May 12th regarding the appointment of S. F. Wang. I am quite sure the University will approve your suggestion that the matter of Mr. Wang's salary and other business details of that sort be left for adjustment directly between him and President Stuart after his arrival in Peking in September. Our New York office has not in the past effected arrangements with any except Western appointees. I quite agree that it is not necessary for Mr. Wang to fill out the personnel blanks we supplied.

We have just received from Peiping a cablegram containing the following message:

"PROFESSOR WILLIAM HUNG - RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REQUIRE S. WANG SHOULD COME PREPARED TO TEACH SOME WESTERN HISTORY. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THREE HOURS CHINESE HISTORY."

With warmest good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



5 Bryant Street  
Cambridge Massachusetts  
July 18, 1929.

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Dear B. A.

**TRANSFER**

I am expecting my friend, Mr. S. R. Thornberg of Chicago to send to your office a check of \$600 for the trip of Mr. Li Chung-hui to this country. This check should reach you either to-day or to-morrow, as I have a telegram from Mr. Thornberg, stating that he sent the money yesterday.

When you receive the money, please be good enough to cable President Stuart, "\$600 LICHUNGHUI". I shall be glad to pay for the cost of this telegram.

I learned that you are going to Peking to attend the formal opening of the University. It is fine. Sorry that I can't be there to welcome you.

We are staying at the above address just for the summer, after which we shall go back to 79 Martin Street.

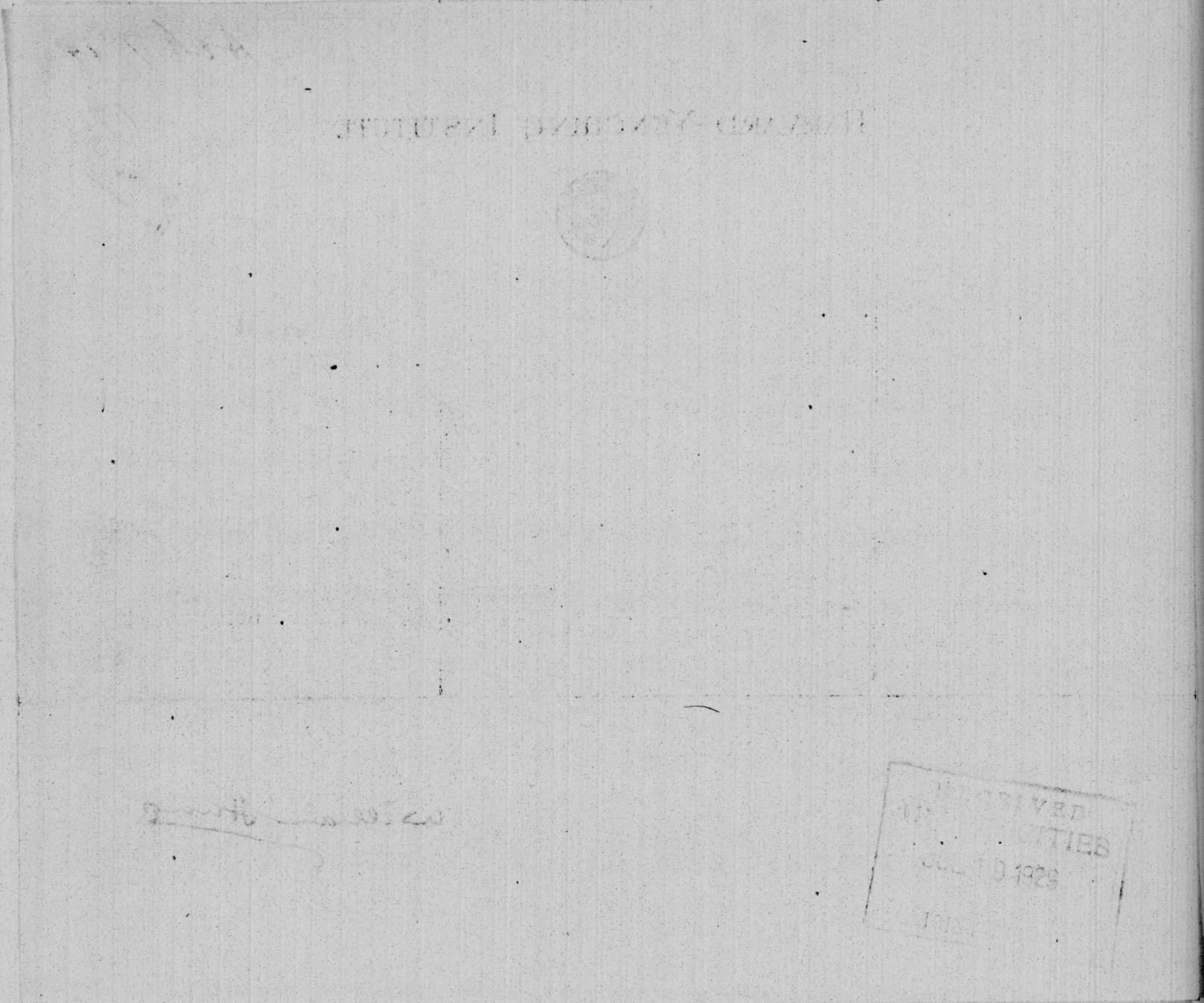
With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*William Hung*

P.S. Please do not send any check for my salary for July. From July 1, 1929 to June 30, 1930, we are off the budget of Yenching University.

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5 Bryant Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
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Dear B. A.

TRANSFER

Mr. Thornburg's check came to me here instead of going to New York. I am enclosing it here, after endorsing it to your order. Please be kind enough to send the cable as I requested in my letter yesterday.

Will it be convenient for you to send to Mr. Thornburg a receipt of Yenching University? This will enable him to credit on his income tax for 1929. His address is as follows:-

Mr. S. R. Thornburg,  
105 West Adams Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

Very sincerely yours,

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

William Hung

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Yenching University

TRANSFER

July 19, 1929

Professor William Hung,  
5 Bryant Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear William:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday. Our office has not yet received the check for \$600 from Mr. Thornberg but will be glad to cable Dr. Stuart as you request whenever the check arrives. I will also notify you when we have done this.

For several months I have been busily engaged in denying the rumor that I might be going to Peking to attend the formal opening of the University this fall, but apparently the rumor travels faster than I can follow it. I certainly wish that it were possible for me to visit Yenching and our other centers of work in China, but it seems very unlikely that I shall be able to get away for another year at least.

We note your reminder that your salary shift from the Yenching budget to the Harvard-Yenching Institute budget as of July 1.

Hoping that you are enjoying a little rest this summer, and with best wishes to Mrs. Hung and the girls, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Yenching University

TRANSFER

July 23, 1929

Mr. William Hung,  
5 Bryant St.,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear William:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 19 with Mr. Thornberg's check for \$600 enclosed.

We are sending Mr. Thornberg a receipt as requested and are informing Dr. Stuart by cable that this money has been received for Mr. Li Ching-hui.

The sending of this information by cable required two and one-half words and therefore cost \$2.50. We do not wish, however, to take advantage of your offer to pay the cost of this cable if the matter of Mr. Li's coming to this country is a University matter rather than some personal obligation of your own.

What are we to do with this \$600? Is it to be sent out to the field or retained here?

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



YENCHING

5 Bryant Street,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts,  
July 29, 1929.

Dear B. A.

TRANSFER

I am enclosing check for \$2.50 for the cost of the cable to President Stuart on the money for Li Chung-hui. Although the business is <sup>entirely</sup> personal, yet I do not clearly where it can be charged conveniently on the budget of the University, and since it is only a small item, I had better take care of it.

As for the \$600 please keep it until the Treasurer of the University calls for it. My previous arrangement was that Li might receive the money in silver from the University Office upon the arrival of the cable and that he should proceed to obtain his passage to this country without delay.

Please pay the enclosed bill of Harrassowitz as you kindly did the last one.

With kindest regards,

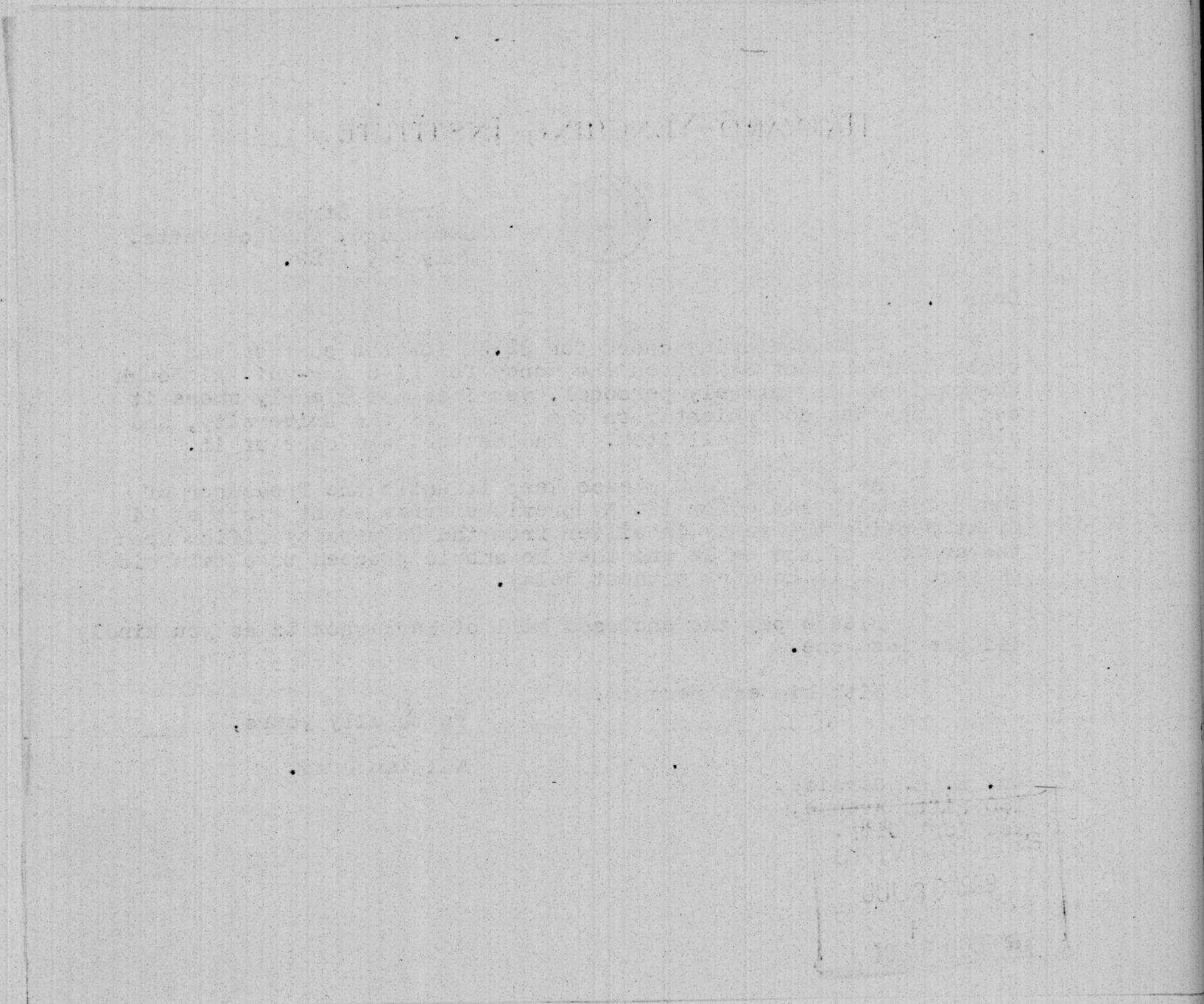
Faithfully yours,

*William*  
William Hung.

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

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17/1/28 - 7,000 in gift to Chang  
of Chang and W. L. Chang



5 Bryant Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
August 8, 1929

Dear B. A.:

TRANSFER

I shall appreciate if you will be kind enough to send me an account of Chang Wen-li's finances which have been handled through our New York Office.

I have been one of those interested in raising money for Chang. Recently I wrote Mr. L.C. Porter, asking him for some more contribution, and I understand that he had sent \$250 to you and will send another \$250 in the fall.

The plan has been to send Chang to Europe on his way back to China. I wish to know how the account stands.

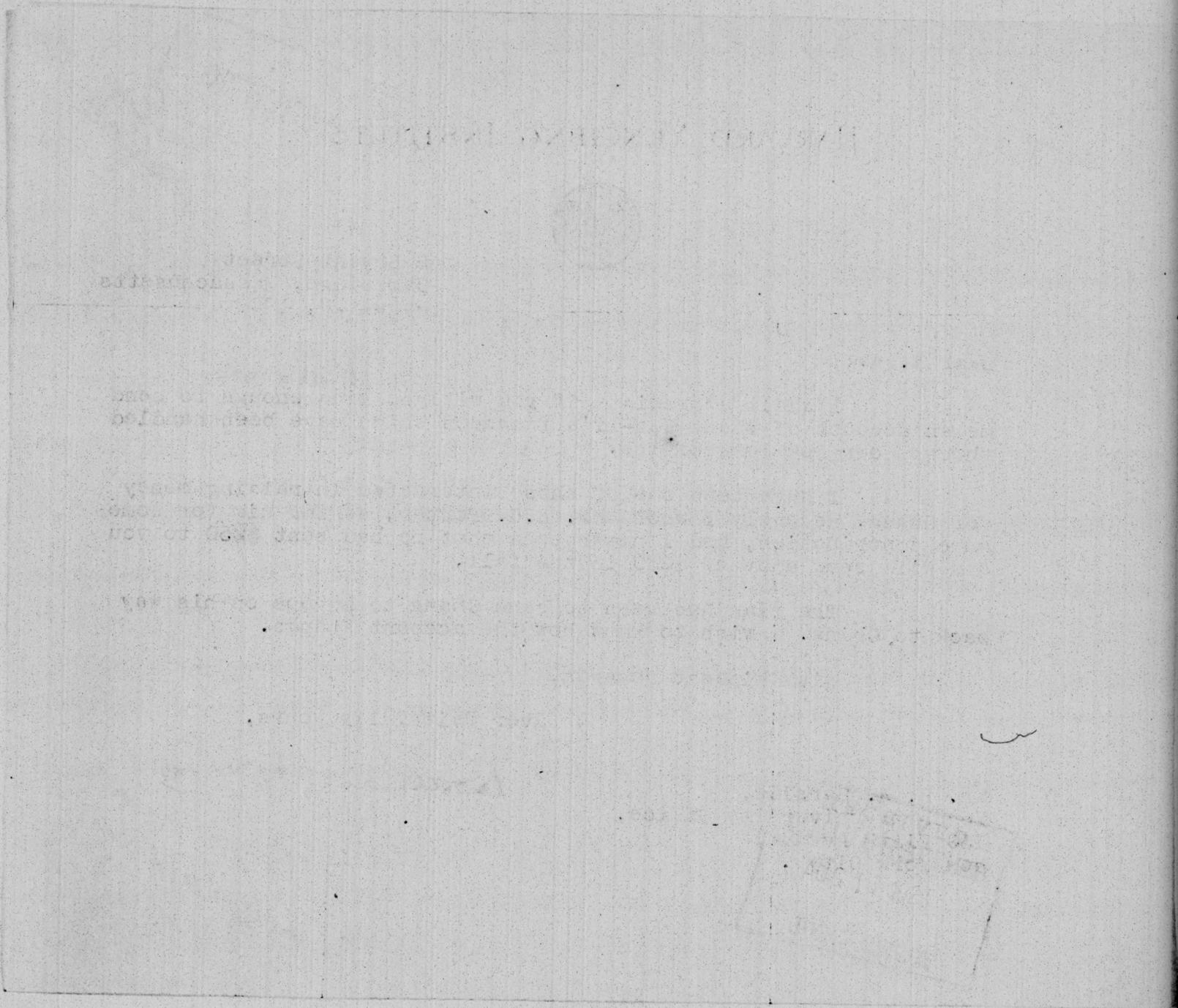
With kindest regards,

Ever faithfully yours,

*William Hung*

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

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Yenching University

September 4, 1929.

Dr. William Hung,  
5 Bryant Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear William:

We have just received from Yenching University a cable-gram containing the following message:-

"MR. HUNG YOU ARE APPOINTED LIBRARIAN BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
STRONGLY URGE YOU TO ACCEPT ON ACCOUNT OF HARVARD-YENCHING  
IN THE SERVICE OF CHINA REPLY BY TELEGRAM TO ME.

(Signed) L. C. PORTER."

I will be very glad to cable to Yenching any reply you may wish to send.

Hoping you have enjoyed a pleasant summer in spite of your many activities, I am,

Very cordially yours,

BAG:A

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Yenching University

September 6, 1929

Mr. William Hung,  
5 Bryant Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear William:

A few days ago Dr. Sidney Strong, 13 Park Avenue, New York City, brought into the office a Chinese volume which Dr. I. H. Ingram of Peking gave to Dr. Strong's daughter Anna Louise soon after the Boxer uprising in 1900. In forwarding this volume Dr. Ingram wrote as follows:

"I am sending you a book which I took out of the Han Lia m'sel. As you can be sure there is no mistake about where it came from. It is the 133rd volume of a series of books on forms and ceremonies."

I understand that Dr. Strong showed this volume to Dr. J. Leighton Stuart when he was in America several years ago and Dr. Stuart made some suggestion that the volume might be of literary interest or value. Dr. Strong is willing to present the volume to Yenching University in the name of his daughter Anna Louise if it is found to be of any interest or value. If the volume is of no particular importance he would like to have it returned because of its personal associations.

I am sending the volume to you under separate cover. Will you please look it over and let us have your opinion as to whether it is worth adding to the Yenching collection of Chinese books.

Very cordially yours,

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



5 Bryant Street,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts,  
September 8, 1929.

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

TRANSFER

My dear B.A.:

Thank you for forwarding the Peping Cable to me. I shall appreciate if you will be so kind as to work out for me a coded reply conveying somewhat the following message:-

MR. PORTER PLEASE CONSULT DE VARGAS AND INFORM MR. HUNG NATURE OF LIBRARY RESPONSIBILITY. MR. HUNG HAS NO TECHNICAL TRAINING. WHAT ABOUT TIEN?

Mr. Porter's telegram is quite mystifying. While I have been for several years chairman of the University Library and have been in rather close touch with the development of our Library, I know really very little about the internal technical management of a Library, which is the work of the Librarian. Again, the work of a Librarian is a full time work, requiring undivided attention; while my own special training and experience has been those of the teacher of history.

Mr. Hung-tu Tien has been for three years acting librarian of the University. I have arranged for him to come over to Harvard next Spring for two years' special training. I wonder whether there has been some sudden change in our policy with regard to Tien.

I acknowledge also your kind letter of the 6th and shall await the arrival of the book from Dr. Strong with interest.

I hope you have had a good summer. I have been in Cambridge practically during the entire summer except a little trip to Williamstown and now and then visiting Mr. and Mrs. Crawford at Marblehead Neck. We have been living in a very big and cool house, but as the children are returning to their school we shall move back to 79 Martin Street next Saturday.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*William Hung*  
William Hung.

P. S. Can you tell me when will Mr. Wannamaker be expected back in New York?

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YENCHING

TRANSFER

Yenching University

September 10, 1929

Mr. William Hung,  
5 Bryant Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hung:

Thanks for your letter of September 8 replying to our letter quoting the cablegram from Yenching regarding the librarianship.

We yesterday cabled Dr. Porter the message suggested in your letter; As soon as a reply is received we will notify you.

When this cablegram arrived last week I was very much puzzled to know just what the field had in mind in proposing your election as Librarian, but presumed you would know all about the matter. Obviously you were as much mystified as we. Surely the University has no thought of your devoting any large amount of time to the active work of librarian, for your present sphere of duties is too crowded and too important to permit the inclusion of much additional work along such lines. Possibly they wish you to exercise a general supervisory function which would not require the expenditure of a great deal of time; somewhat along the same line as Mr. McBrier, as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, keeps general watch over our general University finances, but does not find it necessary to devote any large portion of his time to these duties. We will be interested to see what reply the field makes to your inquiry.

Mr. Wannamaker expects to be back in New York about September 25.

With warmest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

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YENCHING  
TRANSFER

Yenching University

September 12, 1929.

Mr. William Hung,  
5 Bryant Street,  
Cambridge, Mass .

My dear William:

We have today received from Dr. Porter the following reply  
to your cable:-

"WILLIAM HUNG: THE COUNCIL APPROVES UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN  
PROFESSOR RANK WITHOUT TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO DETERMINE  
POLICY AND TO DIGNIFY POSITION. SIMILAR LIBRARIAN AT  
HARVARD. TIEN MUST HAVE FULL TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO BE  
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN. DE VARGAS APPROVES IF YOU CAN RE-  
TAIN YOUR WORK IN HISTORY. MYSELF CANNOT TOO STRONGLY  
URGE ON YOU THE NECESSITY OF ACCEPTING FOR REASONS AL-  
READY STATED. PORTER."

I hope this message will clarify the questions you have  
had in mind.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

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79 Martin Street,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts,  
September 13, 1929.

My dear B.A.:

TRANSFER

Thank you for forwarding the second cable from Mr. Porter. I shall appreciate if you will be so kind as to work out a cable reply for me, conveying somewhat the following message:-

"Mr. Porter: HUNG SUGGESTS CONSULTING LIBRARY STATUTE HARVARD CATALOGUE. TITLE DIRECTOR AND IF NECESSARY ACTING LIBRARIAN PENDING DEVELOPMENTS. RECOMMENDS EXPERIENCED LIBRARIAN WELL-TO-DO WIDOW POSSIBLE VOLUNTARY SERVICE AS REFERENCE LIBRARIAN. CONSULT STUART, IF APPROVED, WILL NEGOTIATE."

*Library*

I am sorry to trouble your office with so much work. Porter's message says, "University librarian professor rank without technical education to determine policy and to dignify position. Similar librarian at Harvard." Our people in Peking do not seem to appreciate the fact that a technical position can never be dignified by an appointee without technical training. Nor do they seem to understand the library organization at Harvard. Here, the librarian is a technical member of the administrative staff, without faculty standing. The present director of the Harvard University is a professor of history and serves as ex-officio chairman of the University Library Council. He determines the policy of the library and represents the library at the faculty and to the outside world.

On the other hand, the sudden change made at this time might be due to some unexpressed exigencies created by T'ien's leave of absence beginning with next spring. I do not know what these might be, but to accommodate whatever they are so I add, "and if necessary acting-librarian pending developments."

The last part of my message concerns a friend, who has recently lost her husband. She is intelligent and healthy and possesses a very fine spirit. She is thoroughly qualified. I do not, however, want to open negotiations until I know that she is wanted and will be happy in the work.

Under separate cover I am sending back to you Dr. Strong's book. It consists of two of the 5000 fascicules of the Chinese encyclopedia. The work is not difficult to obtain, and our Yenching library possesses two complete sets of its reprints. The present volume has no library value, although it may have some museum interest because of its association with the burning of the Han-lin library in 1900.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*William Hung*

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts,  
September 21, 1929.

TRANSMITTED

My dear B. A.:

Thank you for cabling to Peking my message. It was admirably well worded.

On Chang Wen-li:- You will notice in the copy of my letter to Chang, which I sent you on September 13, my understanding was that from now on he should receive no more money from our University until the time when he is starting for China, either via the Pacific or via Europe. I have been Chang's chief advisor and am one of those interested in seeing that he is financed. Our plan has been that he is to have one year of study and one summer of actual work on a good modern farm and then to have a few months of travel and investigation in Europe on his way home. Our financial estimate for him was \$1500 for the first year (travel from China and study in America) and \$1000-1500 for the second year (travel in Europe and back to China.) It seems to me that he has spent more than \$1500 for the first year and that is the reason that he has cut into the money which I have raised mainly for the second year.

He has done a very creditable one year's study at Harvard, and seems to have been well benefitted by his summer's work on a farm in Lyons, New York. His present change of plan by going to do some special agriculture work at the university of Maryland was mainly due to the advice of Prof. Graves of Yale. I gave my consent to this change mainly because of the fact that his original plan of starting for Germany and Russia had to be delayed on account of the present trouble between China and Russia. He wrote me that he had saved some money during the summer and that Prof. Graves and another friend of his, an old lady, Miss Corne, have promise to help him for one semester of work at the University of Maryland. So the understanding now is that whatever money that is left with you and whatever more we may receive in the next few months will be held only for his trip back to China. Mr. L. C. Porter will send \$250 more in October or November and I shall expect one or two hundred more from Miss Ward. Mr. Wanamaker wrote before his going to Europe that he would try to get \$300 from the Princeton Fund, but I have not yet heard of the result. If all these sums come in, it will be sufficient for his European trip home. Dr. Jenny might have secured some small sums of which I do not know yet. If he can have \$1500 altogether he should be able to spend quite a few months in Europe on his way back to China. So from now on, please do not send any money to him, until you hear from me that he is ready to leave.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

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TRANSFER

79 Martin Street,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts,  
September 21, 1929.

My dear B. A.:

I send you the enclosed two bond forms with considerable reluctance. You were very kind in furnishing the bond for Chang Wen-li and Chang Yu-yuan. If I remember correctly you were also planning to take up with President Stuart the possibility of regularizing such business.

The present two forms are for Wen-hsi Tsai and Ping-Ch'ang Yu. Both of these two boys are already here and have been admitted by Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration. YU graduated from Yenching last June and Tsai graduated two years ago. Tsai's admission was arranged through Mr. Wannamaker's office. Yu made application to Harvard directly while he was home in Honolulu during the summer. Both of these boys come from well-to-do homes. I know Yu's father quite well, who is one of the rich merchants in Honolulu. Both of these boys are honest and realiable.

As they have no friends in America, they naturally turn to their Alma Mater for help. If you see your way clear to furnish bond for them, I can assure you that they are not of the type that might betray generous confidence.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*William Hung*

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

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C O P Y

79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
October 10, 1929

Professor Roswell P. Angier,  
Department of Psychology,  
Yale University,  
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Professor Angier:

I have your letter of October 8th and I am indeed very sorry to learn of the present mental state of Mr. William Hsi Liang Chu.

I saw Mr. Chu a few times during the summer when he was taking some studies at the Harvard Summer School but I had not noticed any mental abnormalities. He wrote me recently for a loan and now since receiving your letter I am glad that I had not given the money to him. I wonder whether his recent financial difficulties, occasioned by the secession of his scholarship funds from his home province had anything to do with his unhappy mental state.

I had not heard of his immediate plans for returning to China. He gave me the impression during the summer that he intended to obtain a Ph.D. degree from Yale before going home. This seems to be obviously out of the question if he is mentally abnormal.

If he does not want to go back to China I fear the legal steps as mentioned in your letter might have to be a final resort. I suppose however you would agree with me that this might tend to aggravate his case and that it might be wiser not to consider this step except as a last resort. I do not see on the other hand how he could afford to stay in this country if he is short of money. I am glad that you have written to the Chinese Educational Mission in Washington. If there is no renewal of the small stipend from the Mission to him I think it is likely to have the effect of hastening his return to China.

I think he will probably write me again after a little while. I shall also advise him to make plans for going home.

Sincerely yours,

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YENCHING

**TRANSFER**

October 17, 1929

Professor Wm. Hung,  
79 Martin St.  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear William:

We have today received from Yenching University a cablegram reading as follows:

"FORWARD FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MR. WILLIAM HUNG: YOU ARE APPOINTED DIRECTOR LIBRARY; SIMILAR HARVARD REGULATIONS SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR ENGLISH BOOKS HAS BEEN APPROVED. OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION WILL BE SENT BY AN EARLY MAIL. HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZE MY SECRETARY ENGAGE. CONTRACT IS FOR THREE YEARS. MISS YATES \$150.00 MONTH. ASK WHETHER SHE CAN BE READY TO START AT ONCE.  
DR. L. C. PORTER."

Very sincerely yours,

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
October 19, 1929

Mr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

TRANSFER

Dear B.A.:

I had meant to answer your letter of October 10 at once but the pressure of work here had delayed this until the present moment.

Professor Angier of Yale has also written me about Mr. Chu. Enclosed I am sending you the copy of my reply. When you are through with it please send it back to me.

After careful thought it seems to me the best thing we can do to help Mr. Chu and Yale University is to hasten the return of Mr. Chu to China. I would suggest therefore that you send a cable to Yenching University requesting them to telegraph Mr. Chu's father a general resume of Mr. Chu's present case with the suggestion that his father call him back to China at once.

I do not know Mr. Chu's father nor his address, hence the necessity of using our University office as the medium. I understand that he has a father who is quite a respected gentleman.

Thank you for sending me the bonds for the two new Yenching boys here at Harvard. Thank you also for forwarding to me a cable from Professor Porter. I have made arrangements for an interview with the young lady whom he would wish to *behave for* his secretary. When definite arrangements are made I shall have to ask you to do the kindness of sending a cable reply to Mr. Porter.

With kindest regards,

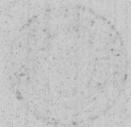
Very sincerely yours,

*William Hung*

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79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
October 22, 1929

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Mr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

**TRANSFER**

Dear B.A.:

Will you be good enough to cable Professor Lucius C. Porter a message implying something of the following:

*POTTER* "Miss Yates no longer available. Do you want me to look for somebody else?"  
William Hung.

Miss Yates was very highly recommended to both Mr. Porter and myself as a desirable person for secretarial work in connection with the Harvard-Yenching Institute in Peking. She has however recently committed herself to some form of dramatic work and Miss Gustafson, who originally recommended her told me the other day that Miss Yates would not be available before next year at any rate. In view of this I feel it better to leave her out of the question for the moment. It is of course possible for Mr. Porter to get some local help in China. On the other hand I shall be quite willing to look for somebody for him in case he desires me to do so.

I would suggest that you charge the cost of this cable on that portion of the Harvard-Yenching Institute budget designated for general or office expense.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*William Hung*

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*P.S. Please have the enclosed bill paid. Thanks. WH.*

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79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
October 24, 1929

Mr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

**TRANSFER**

Dear B.A.:

Professor Lucius C. Porter requested me some time ago to arrange to have some H-Y Institute stationery printed here and sent to Peking for the use of the office there. Mr. Plummer, the secretary of the Institute here has been kind enough to arrange to have two reams of the paper sent. I am enclosing herewith the bill for it. Will you be kind enough to pay for it and charge it on the office expense of the H-Y Institute in Peking? There is also a postage charge of \$1.54. Please make a check for that amount payable to the H-Y Institute and send it to me and I shall give it to Mr. Plummer.

*Harvard-Yenching*

With kindest regards,

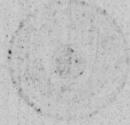
Sincerely yours,

*William Hung*

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Yenching University

October 28, 1929

Professor Wm. Hung,  
79 Martin St.,  
Cambridge, Mass.

TRANSFER

My dear William:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 24 with its enclosed bills for H.-Y. Institute stationery. As requested, we are enclosing herewith a check to the order of the Harvard-Yenching Institute in the amount of \$24.04 in payment of these two bills.

On Saturday we received a cablegram addressed to me from Dr. Lucius Porter as follows:

"LOOK OUT FOR EXPERIENCED STENOGRAPHER WITH TECHNICAL SECRETARY TRAINING."

There is a young woman here in New York who was very eager a few months ago to secure some secretarial position in one of our China colleges. She is probably still available. Our preliminary inquiries indicate that she is unusually well qualified and a fine Christian young woman. Will you give me a little fuller information with regard to this position so I can send her the details and ask whether she is interested? Is it desired that she go out for three years, or is a longer or shorter term contemplated? What would be the nature of her work? Will the salary and allowances be the same as for the other young women taking secretarial work at Yenching? Will the salary be paid from University funds or will some special arrangement be made by the H.-Y.I.?

If I find the young woman is interested in this position and seems to have the necessary qualifications I will send you the information concerning her which we have collected.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

Enc.  
CC: Miss Lane

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
October 31, 1929

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

TRANSFER

My dear B. A.:

Thank you for your letter of October 28th. I am very happy to learn that Mr. Porter has asked you to look out for an experienced stenographer with technical secretarial training. This will relieve me of the task of finding a woman for this work. I am very sure you are situated in a better position to locate such a person.

You will recall that in the first cable sent by Mr. Porter to me he signified the contract for three years at a monthly salary of \$150.00 silver. I suppose if we find an unusually good person we might extend the contract to five years but for the time being it seems to me that the three year contract is the best. I would not recommend the one year short term contract for this type of work which Mr. Porter has in mind for the Institute is such that the secretary may need one year in order to get thoroughly familiar with it and we shall stand to lose if the contract is only for one year. I have no details as to the comparative status between the secretary in the office of the Harvard-Yenching Institute and the secretaries in the other offices of the university. I think however that the salary of \$150.00 Mex., is slightly higher than in the case of some of the other secretaries. I presume also that with a salary which is barely enough for living, the three year contract will call for the travelling fares to China and back, both ways furnished by the University. It is customary for the university to furnish living quarters for the secretaries. I suppose the same will hold true for this person. It is my understanding that the fund for the travel and salaries of the secretary will come out of the H-Y Institute Fund. I do not think there is an express item on the present year's budget for Peking. I suppose however that before Mr. Porter cabled me he must have made adjustments with the committee in Peking on this point.

As to the nature of the work of that secretary I understand that she is to look after the local office of the H-Y Institute, keep the file of all the papers and publications of the Institute and take the dictation which Mr. Porter or anybody else designated by him may wish to give in the matter of correspondence or other writings.

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Other things being equal we should prefer a person of matured age to one who is so young and attractive that she might become too much interested in the social life of the city. If the person knows French or German or both it will make her work with the office much more valuable.

I should think that there ought to be some enterprising woman who would like to have this opportunity to see China and render a good piece of service in connection with a very worthwhile work.

Sincerely yours,

William Hung

WH BC

M.S. Since dictating the above I have received your letter concerning Olga Yeh. The library of Harvard is known as Widener Library. I shall make inquiry about Miss Yeh and write you again.  
W.H.

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Yenching University

November 8, 1929

Mr. William Hung,  
70 Martin Street,  
Cambridge, Mass.

**TRANSFER**

My dear William:

During the last few weeks Mr. Wannemaker and I have had some further correspondence with Mr. Chang Wen-li as to his financial needs during the remainder of this year. In a letter he wrote to Mr. Wannemaker on November 3 Mr. Chang summarizes his financial needs as follows:

"My experience shows that I need about sixty dollars per month to live in Maryland. I find that I have enough money to support myself to December 31st, 1929.

"From January 1st, 1930 to the end of the Academic year which is about the end of June 1930, I need \$300.00. The detailed budget for every month will be:

Rent	\$10.00
Board	25.00
Transportation	10.00
Miscellaneous	15.00
	<u>\$60.00</u> per month

"By doing part time work I can earn about \$60 during Jan. 1st and June 30, 1930. So my total needs will be Three Hundred Dollars, or fifty dollars for each month starting from January 1st to June 30, 1930.

"I can do more part time work, if I should do so. But this work will interfere seriously with my research in the Library of Congress and all the visiting tours to the various experimental stations and Department of Agriculture. So if I could get extra help from our Yenching office, it would give me more chance to carry on my studies. I would be very much obliged, if you could give me some information concerning this at your convenience so that I can adjust my schedule and program for work and study."

At the present time the credit balance in Mr. Chang's account is \$780.00. This includes a \$300 gift from Mrs. Hattie M. Strong which I did not take into account when I wrote you on September 17. Mr. Wannemaker informs me that during December we will receive another \$300 from Mrs. Strong which can be credited to Mr. Chang's account. Your letter of

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September 21 mentions that Dr. Porter will probably send a further remittance of \$250 for Mr. Chang and that you also expect one or two other small gifts.

It seems to me, therefore, that we can certainly send Mr. Chang at least \$50 per month from January to June, 1930. Perhaps \$60 per month could be sent him, thus relieving him of the necessity of doing any large amount of part time work. I should like your judgment as to whether you consider it desirable that Mr. Chang attempt to do part time work as well as carry on his studies. There is certainly a great deal of educational value in some kinds of part time work, but such duties are apt to seriously interfere with one's academic interests.

I should like your judgment too as to the approximate expense involved in Mr. Chang's proposed return to China via Europe. Return to China by the most economical route involves an expenditure of between five hundred and six hundred dollars. How much must be added to this minimum figure to meet Mr. Chang's plans? The answer to this question is important in our analysis of Mr. Chang's needs during the next year.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

CC: Mr. Wannamaker

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.

INDEXED November 11, 1929

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

TRANSFER

My dear B.A.:

I have your letter of November 8th which quotes at length a financial statement from Mr. Chang Wen-li. You are kind enough to ask for my advice on the general problem of Mr. Chang's finances.

I note that you mentioned that the credit balance in Mr. Chang's account at present is \$790.00. This seems to be slightly lower than the figure given in a recent letter from Mr. Wannamaker. I interpret the discrepancy by the supposition that you have probably sent Mr. Chang some money recently. I have a great deal of confidence in Mr. Chang and I am of the belief that he has spent his time well at the University of Maryland. He has not, however, written me about his planning to stay for another semester, from January to June, nor have I heard from him recently about his planning for a definite time for leaving America. I have written him recently and I shall expect to hear from him soon.

In Mr. Wannamaker's letter he estimated that if all the pledges for Mr. Chang Wen-li should come in the fund would reach the total of \$1410.00, including the cash credit. In my reply I said that this fund would be quite sufficient to enable Mr. Chang to make his trip home via Europe and to enable him to travel quite a bit in Europe studying the agricultural conditions there. I had advised that this fund be held intact until the time Mr. Chang is ready to leave.

Reviewing the problem again in my mind, in the light of your present letter, I have come to the following conclusions:

1. That a minimum cash balance of \$500.00 gold must be kept intact which shall not be released except for the purpose of Mr. Chang's trip by the direct route from America back to China. This is a very essential point as both President Stuart and myself are honor bound to see to it that Mr. Chang's return expenses are provided for.

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2. It is safer not to count on any further pledges of funds for Mr. Chang Wen-li. Some of the appeals which I made on his behalf during the course of the last twelve months might indeed materialize in one or two further small gifts but it is safer not to count on the chickens before they are hatched. I might add here that I am not making any more appeals for Mr. Chang Wen-li for I am at present looking after another man, Mr. Li Chung-hui, who is now taking graduate work at the University of Chicago. (I am at present reasonably assured that Mr. Li's program of three years of graduate study and trip back to China will be provided by a friend of mine).

3. If Mr. Chang leaves for China via Europe a minimum fund of \$1000.00 must be kept for that purpose. I do not think the fund for the European trip should exceed \$1500.00. Any money in excess of \$1500.00 I would recommend the wisdom of turning over to the account of Mr. Chang Sheng-jung in whose account, I understand, there is at present a considerable deficit.

4. Taking the above together it means that if Mr. Chang calls upon the fund now in your hands to help his prolonging his residence in this country it will necessarily modify his route of return to China, from the European route to the direct Pacific route, unless some unexpected assistance should turn up. I believe Mr. Chang should be advised on this point. //

Please do not take this letter to mean that I have in any way changed my high opinion of Mr. Chang or of my disapproval of his proposed prolongment of residence in this country. Before leaving China our understanding with him was that we shall help to finance him for one year study and observation in America and a trip of return via Europe together with studies and observations in Europe at a total cost of not more than \$3000.00 gold. I have not checked up the total figures but it seems to me his trip from China to America and his one year of study here at Harvard have exceeded the estimated sum of \$1500.00. If we now count the money he has already spent together with the cash on hand and the collectible pledges the total sum I believe is above \$3000.00 so we have fulfilled our promise already. We shall be glad of course to do more but in all fairness his additional needs, caused by any change of program, must be considered from our viewpoint as secondary in importance to the commitments we have made to other men.

I wrote some time ago introducing Mr. Chang to Dr. Baker, Economic Expert of the Department of Agriculture. In Dr. Baker's reply he stated that he has taken steps to get Mr. Chang well acquainted with the work of his department. I am reasonably inclined to believe that his residence in Maryland has been undoubtedly a profitable one, although I am at this moment not yet advised as to the wisdom of the further prolongment of this residence.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*William Hung*

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

**TRANSFER**

Dear B. A.:

You will have noticed on the budget of the H-Y Institute for the Peking Branch for the year 1928-29, an item of money for Mr. Tien Hung-Tu, the acting librarian of the Yenching University Library. This sum of money was intended to cover both the cost of travel of Mr. Tien from Peking to this country and the maintenance of another librarian who is to serve in Mr. Tien's place in his absence.

I have recently a letter from Mr. Tien stating he had made arrangements to sail from China some-time in *Dec.* September. Dr. Galt, the treasurer has not however received the money. Would you be good enough to take this matter up, by cable if desirable with Dr. Galt so a sum of money might be released for Mr. Tien's travel.

Mr. Tien is to spend a year's time at Harvard as a fellow of the H-Y Institute. His main task will be to work out together with the Chinese librarian here at Harvard, a unified system of the classification of the Chinese books and manuscripts in the possession of the H-Y Institute both here at Harvard and there in Peking.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*William Hung*

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79 Martin Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
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Mr. B. A. Garside  
Yenching University Office  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

TRANSFER

Dear B. A. :

Will you be good enough to arrange to have a cable sent to Professor Phillip de Varbas at Yenching University, implying somewhat of the following message:

"Would you like to spend the next academic year at Harvard giving a course on the Chinese cultural renaissance, another on the political and diplomatic history of the Far East and a seminar on some subject of your choice. Consult Lucius Porter and cable reply."

The reason for this cable is that both the Department of History and Dean Chase of the Harvard Graduate School are anxious that after I leave Harvard there should be somebody to continue my work along the general lines I have been doing here. I thought of Professor de Vargas because the next year happened to be his sabbatical year and because I am sure he can handle these courses. I do not know his plans for the next year. I have talked the matter over with both Professor Schlesinger, the Chairman of the Department of History here and Dean Chase. They seem to be well inclined toward the suggestion. It is necessary of course before we move any further on this side to find out Professor de Vargas' own preferences.

Will you be able to tell me the sailing schedule of President Stuart for the United States?

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

William Hung

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

**TRANSFER**

Dear B. A.:

Will you be good enough to send to Professor Lucius C. Porter a cable implying somewhat of the following message:

"Harvard desires one man who can teach both Chinese Culture and Far Eastern Diplomatic History. If De Vargas is impossible can you suggest someone else."

I had previously thought that Professor de Vargas might be a possible person to take up the work here at Harvard after I leave. Since your cable indicates a program which leaves out the Far Eastern Diplomatic History we may have to look for another person.

I hope I have not troubled you too much with this cabling business.

With kindest regards,

As ever yours,

*William Hung*

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Dear William,

Just as I was in the act of signing the attached correspondence we received your letter of December 19th, with its postscript dated December 21st informing us that Miss Jahr had finally decided not to go to Yenching. I am sending the letters along, however, so you may see how the matter has stood, and may also be in a position to go ahead with Miss Jahr if she once more changes her mind!

I find myself regarding with mixed feelings Miss Jahr's latest decision not to go to Yenching. First of all I am sincerely sorry to have the University lose a young woman who seems to be unusually well qualified for this work. But on the other hand, I have had a growing doubt of whether Miss Jahr would be happy in the Yenching position, and therefore of whether she could render the cheerful service necessary to succeed in this work. Miss Jahr hesitated for almost a month before presenting her application, and required an exchange of cablegrams to assure herself as to the details of her living arrangements. She seems to have expected several special concessions as to salary and travel. After making her application she asked for a decision in less time than it was physically possible for the University to make even a hasty study of her qualifications. Apparently  
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her motive in making the application was the desire for the travel and the experience, rather than primarily Christian service.

A disturbingly large proportion of young single women going out to China become discontented during the first year or two, and many of them break down or resign. This is true to some extent of those who go out to the field as the result of a strong Christian purpose and after many years of planning and preparation. It is far more frequently the case with young women who go out from other motives than the Christian one. Our office has during the last two or three years had several unfortunate experiences with young women assigned to our China colleges, and are coming to desire more and more thorough investigation of the qualifications and purposes of young women applying for appointment.

I believe that Yenching met Miss Jahr's wishes at every step, and agreed to every request she made, so probably her adverse decision simply means that she was not sufficiently attracted to accept the position.

I will start in today to follow up one or two leads here in New York for a young woman secretary at Yenching. I will write you if anything hopeful emerges. I hope, however, that you will be able to find another candidate in or around Boston.

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