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April 22, 1921

Professor S. P. Duggan,
Institute of International Education,
421 West 117th Street,
New York City.

Dear Professor Duggan:

You may recall that when we were taking luncheon with Professor Monroe the other day I mentioned the fact that President Stuart of Peking University had asked me to get the testimony of men at home in regard to the advisability of students in China completing their undergraduate work in China before coming on to America. We need out there such help as you could give us out of your own experience and from the testimony of others whom you may know.

After some twenty years of observation, it is very clear to me that it is best for the young men of China to complete their undergraduate work there, for the many reasons which were discussed when last Fall several of us had the pleasure of being your guests at the Faculty Club, discussing the question of the returned Chinese student. Personally, I think it would not only be best for the students but best for the reputation of America if they were older when they came here.

In addition to this, my observation in the last year and a half here at home, reinforced by the experience of some of my friends, leads me to believe that some of the students stay here too long. I should like to see it earnestly advocated that where students can receive adequate preparation in their own land of undergraduate character, they should come here only for graduate work and, as a rule, for a very definite period.

As you can realize, we might be regarded as special pleaders when we in China say this to young Chinese; but if we had the testimony such as you could give us, it would strengthen our hands as coming from one who would not be biased, as the young man out there might think we would be.

Some time ago I sent you the illustrated booklet on Peking University. I wonder if you received it? It is rather an interesting and important document, and if you do not find it in your files I should be glad to send you another copy.

Very sincerely yours,

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December 22nd, 1921.

Dr. S. T. Duggan,
Institute of International Education,
419 West 117th Street,
New York.

Dear Dr. Duggan:-

Mr. Burgess of "Princeton in Peking" has shown me his letters to you of December 14th. The Trustees of Peking University have formally asked Princeton in Peking to develop the Department of Social Science, to which Mr. Burgess refers. I can only say that Mr. Burgess and I are of one mind in this and that we most heartily welcome this co-operation.

I think there is no single spot in the world to-day where investment can be made of life or funds that would bear greater returns, (by which I mean will have greater bearing and influence on the advance of world movements which center on the Pacific), than at Peking and in Peking University. It is not only the political but the great student center of China from which radiates great national influence.

In addition to all this the remarkable work done there already by Mr. Burgess and his colleagues along social service lines makes Peking in this respect an unparalleled center for research and the development of these ideals.

We greatly appreciate your interest and co-operation in this matter which seems to many of us one of first importance.

Very sincerely yours,

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February 28, 1924

Dr. J.A. Stuart
Peking University
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Stuart:

One of the greatest difficulties that American colleges have with foreign students is probably to evaluate the degrees of the institutions from which they come. This is particularly true of Chinese students. Recently, a body of University Presidents, Deans and Chairmen of Committees on Admission, held a meeting at Columbia University to consider what might be done to solve this important question. The meeting finally decided to request me to write to six persons thoroughly familiar with both American and Chinese conditions and ask them to send me a list of what they considered the best colleges in China. When these lists are received they will be combined into one list and copies will be sent to the American colleges which have had students from the institutions mentioned with the request that an opinion be given concerning each of the Chinese institutions in the light of their experiences with students coming from them. We hope in this way to make up something in the nature of an honor roll of Chinese institutions, whose graduates might readily be accepted for graduate work in our universities and whose students could readily fit into the various classes of our undergraduate work.

If you will be good enough to take the time to make such a list, it will be greatly appreciated by the fine body of American educators interested in the subject. It is thoroughly understood that the list that you send will be considered in absolute confidence and not made public as a contribution from you in any way.

Sincerely yours,

Nankai Univ.
Southeastern "
National " of Peking (translation)
Univ. of Nanking
St. John's Univ.
Shanghai College
Soochow Univ.
C. C. C.
Peking Univ.

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Director

if they go on 6-6-4 basis

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March 4, 1924

Dr. Stephen P. Duggan
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Duggan:

Replying to your letter for China Colleges that should go on the approved list, I would suggest the following: Nan Kai University, Tien-Tsin; Southeastern University, Nanking; National University of Peking (quite tentatively). Among the Mission Colleges it might be well to include only those which have adopted the government regulation of "6-3-4" (that is six years primary, six years secondary and four years of College work). With this condition - St. John's University, Shanghai; Soochow University, Shanghai College and Canton Christian College should be included. The University of Nanking is already practically on this basis and I venture to hope that my own Peking University can find a place. It has definitely adopted the suggested basis.

I should not regard this list as complete, but merely as giving those with which it ought to be safe to start out.

Very sincerely yours

JLS:S

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Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule

November 17, 1932

Dr. N. Gist Gee
Vice-President, Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Gee:

It was a great pleasure to receive your letter of November fifteenth yesterday and to learn that you are in New York. I shall be very glad to see you when you have more time in the City. Perhaps you will inform me a few days in advance of your call so that we may have luncheon together if a mutually convenient arrangement can be made.

You request information concerning possible available scholarships or fellowships providing financial aid for Chinese students to study in America. Last year we made a survey of all the colleges and universities in the United States to find out the number and kind of fellowships and scholarships available for foreign students in this country. We had done this previously in 1923, 1925, 1929 and again in 1931. Each survey shows increasing hospitality on the part of the institutions of this country toward foreign students. I am sending you under another cover a copy of this survey, "Fellowships and Scholarships Open to Foreign Students for Study in the United States", of which, on pages 84, 85 and 96, are listed the opportunities for Chinese students.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Stephen P. Duggan
Director

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September 6, 1933

Dr. Gist Gee
c/o Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Gee:

I am inviting a few men interested in our cultural and educational relations with China to meet Dr. Hu Shih, Dr. Wu Yi-fang, and Dr. Herman C. E. Liu at the Century Club at seven o'clock on Friday evening, September 15th. I have asked them to discuss a problem of our cultural relations with China upon which I should be glad to have your opinion.

Sincerely yours

Stephen P. Duggan

Director

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THE EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

TO THE LIFE OF CHINA

Introductory Note

*Presented at meeting
Sept. 15, 1933 arranged
by Dr. Duggan for Dr. Hu
Shih, and others.*

The year 1933 is the centenary of the establishment of the first American school in China. During the century that has followed, thousands of Chinese students studied in the United States and a large number of Americans have been active in educational work in China. Enough time has elapsed, therefore, to justify a thorough investigation to discover the extent, the nature, and the results of the educational contribution made by the United States to the life of China, using the term educational in its broadest sense.

Such an investigation might be of a twofold nature: 1) The influence upon China of returned Chinese students who studied in American institutions. 2) The influence of American schools and colleges established within China. This inquiry is restricted to the first of these influences in the belief that it can thereby be made more specific and definite and also that it might indicate the wisdom or unwisdom of undertaking an inquiry into the second.

The following preliminary outline indicates some of the directions such an inquiry might take:

I. The Historical Background

Brief consideration of the influence exerted by Europeans upon China during the centuries previous to the American Revolution with special reference to Portuguese, Dutch and English contacts.

Rapid growth of American commerce with China after the American Revolution. Rise of the missionary movement in the United States, directed largely to China.

Brief consideration of the Japanese influence.

II. The Educational Migration from China to America during the Past Century

1. A complete numerical record of students in America.
2. Influences impelling their migration to America. Efforts of missionaries.
3. Economic and social background of the students before leaving China.

4. Intellectual qualifications of the students coming to America.
5. Agencies in China undertaking support of students in America.
6. The journeying to America, whether individually or in groups.
7. Other educational visitors, e.g., commissions.
 - a. Occasions and nature of the visits.
 - b. Results of the visits.

III. The Life of the Chinese Students in America

1. Location in schools, colleges, and universities.
 - a. Reasons for the choices made.
 - b. American agencies guiding selection.
2. Institutions and teachers whose influence is discoverable.
3. Means of support used by students.
4. Social adjustment to American student world.
5. Educational achievement.
 - a. Chinese preparation for admission to American institutions.
 - b. Nature and quality of undergraduate work.
 - c. Nature and quality of graduate study.
 - d. Adaptability to academic and scientific studies.
6. Extra-curricular activity.
 - a. Athletic activity.
 - b. Friendships.
 - c. Literary productivity, e.g., contributions to journals.
7. Religious reactions.
 - a. Away from or towards Christianity.
 - b. Away from or towards other faiths or philosophies.
 - c. Attitude towards Chinese religions.
8. Chinese students in the American community.
 - a. Participation in American social and economic life.
 - b. Participation in American educational processes.

c. Contribution to inter-racial understanding.

d. Relationship to the immigration problem.
(Studies of Mackenzie and Mears)

9. Physical and social record.

Health, marriages, birth of children, deaths.

10. Interruption of educational career.

a. By economic or scholastic causes.

b. By summons from China.

IV. The Return of the Students to China

1. Location - at home base, or otherwise.

2. Attitude of home environment to returned students.

3. Occupation selected and relationship of occupation to American preparation.

4. Achievements - intellectual and civic.

5. Effect upon the political evolution of China.

6. Organizations of returned students.

7. Influence of returned students on the Chinese community.

8. Influence of environment on ideals and life of the returned student.

9. Present position of the returned student body.

V. Appraisal of American Educational Influence on Chinese Students within America.

1. Nature of the influences exerted on the Chinese students in America.

a. Intellectual, social and scientific.

b. Religious.

c. Attitude of the press and the community.

d. In creative adaptability to Chinese environment.

2. Has the influence been excessive?

a. As shown by attitude of returned students towards their
home environment.

b. As shown by unwise adoption of American techniques,
manners, institutions.

c. As shown by denationalization.

VI. An Estimate of the Contribution Made by the Educational Interchange Between America and China.

Mistakes made in the educational relationship.

- a. In selection of students sent to America.
- b. In choice of institution or course in America.
- c. In social choices.
- d. In length of study in America.
- e. Responsibility of "sending" agencies in China.

VII. Appraisal of American Educational Influence within China from Returned Students.

1. Are American cultural ideas assimilable?
2. Have American cultural influences on Chinese students
 - a. Proved effective in developing the wisest manifestation of the Chinese mentality?
 - b. Proved adaptable to the intellectual, social and economic needs of China's national life?

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Refer to Dr. Lee
when reply is received

September 16, 1933.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Yesterday afternoon I ran up to see Dr. Duggan of the Institute of International Education, with a view to trying to get a Yenching student on this international exchange of students between America and foreign countries. He tells me that no Chinese has as yet been on the exchange list and that there have been no requests for Chinese in the exchanges. He suggested, however, that if Yenching were willing to take one of the international students, it might choose which nation it wishes, and give this student free tuition, room and board, that he would be very glad to do what he could to arrange that a student from Yenching might come to some American institution and receive the same facilities.

I would be very glad indeed to have you take this up with your faculty and see how the idea appeals to them. I think it would be helpful to have Yenching mentioned on this list in this way. The cost would be slight and the return received by the Yenching student in some foreign country would be well worth while.

Dr. Duggan seemed eager to do this for us and I think, even as a matter of publicity, that it is worth carrying through. I shall await a reply from you concerning the matter before going further with it.

With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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H. Gist Gee.

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*Copy of this form to
Mr. Edward R. Murray
Institute of International Education
YENCHING UNIVERSITY*

PROPOSED STATEMENT CONCERNING YENCHING-AMERICAN EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP SERVICE

(In the absence of the standing regulations of the Institute of International Education concerning international exchange fellowships, the following statement is proposed for use as temporary regulations in initiating the desired exchange service by Yenching and subject to modification upon receipt of the standing regulations of the Institute.)

- (1) That Yenching welcome the proposed exchange fellowship service as an additional measure for the expression of its purpose in promoting international understanding and good-will relations between China and America.
- (2) That Yenching promise to place at the disposal of the Institute of International Education a number of tuition, board and lodging fellowships (travel and sundry expenses not included) to be filled by suitable candidates recommended by the Institute and accepted by Yenching.
- (3) That Yenching signify its desire in return to recommend a number of its students to the Institute as candidates to fill similar exchange fellowships in American institutions of higher learning.
- (4) That temporarily this Yenching-American exchange fellowship service be limited to one student from each side each year.
- (5) That the term of each fellowship should preferably be two years with possible extension to a 3rd year.
- (6) That recommendations of candidates from both sides shall be placed in the hands of the authorities concerned not later than the end of January of each year for the fellowship privileges to be enjoyed the following academic year. (This time limit will not be held strictly for the first year.)
- (7) That the selection of the candidates from among Yenching students should be made by a University committee, and ordinarily from deserving applicants belonging to the Graduate Division, the graduating class, or recent classes of graduates.
- (8) That each applicant be required to fill out two sets of application blanks (In the absence of the regular form used by the Institute of International Education, a form designed by Yenching for this purpose will be used temporarily.)
- (9) That the Yenching University Selection Committee shall recommend one candidate to the Institute while the application papers of the best three candidates shall all be forwarded to the Institute for reference and possible reconsideration.
- (10) That the selected Yenching candidate shall be responsible to subsidize the University with an annual amount of \$500.00 to provide for the tuition-board-lodging fellowship to be granted to the American student, while the Yenching student is studying in America on the exchange fellowship service.

January 8, 1934.

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學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

處務教
Office of the Director of Studies

February 21, 1934

Vice President N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Gee:

Under the date of September 16 last fall you wrote Dr. Stuart a letter indicating the possibility and advantage of arranging an exchange scholarship between one of our students and a student from America under the auspices of the Institute of International Education. The news was quite enthusiastically received on the campus especially among mature students who might qualify for the Yenching candidacy. Therefore we were quite convinced that it is something worth taking up. Because of the distance and time required for correspondence, we thought we could save time by getting our end fixed up as far as we can so that you might have something definite to approach Dr. Duggan with. So we proceeded with drafting a tentative statement on the basis of which applications were received from our students and candidates selected. Unfortunately in a democratic institution like ours it usually takes a long time to carry a thing through. It is only now that we feel ready to report to you the Proposed Statement on this matter adopted by Yenching with the candidate chosen.

Herewith we are enclosing two copies of our Proposed Statement. This statement is quite tentative in nature. It has been prepared in the ignorance of the standing regulations of the Institute of International Education applicable to such exchange fellowships, and mainly as a basis for us to proceed at this end. Please use your own discretion as to whether you want to approach Dr. Duggan with this document or without it. You are especially asked to use your judgment concerning Article 10 in presenting the matter to him.

Altogether 11 applications were received by the Selection Committee, most of whom are quite worthy and mature students. Finally the Committee selected Mr. Yen Ch'ün as the first representative from Yenching, with Mr. Chang Shih Wen and Mr. Li Pao Ch'en as the first and second substitutes

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Mr. N. Gist Gee
Feb. 21, 1934

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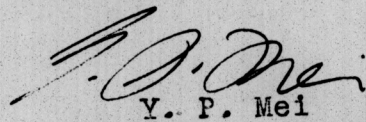
according to Article 9 of the Proposed Statement. Their application blanks, recommendation letters and transcripts of record, are herewith enclosed. Their published works are being sent to you under separate cover.

From my experience it seems somewhat too late to arrange for such exchange facilities to become effective beginning fall 1934. If it is possible it would facilitate our candidate to begin work this coming fall. Otherwise the plan has to wait until the following year to be put into operation.

The Institute should probably be warned about the American candidate to be selected and sent to Yenching. Because of the language limitations, it is preferable to have a candidate with some knowledge of the Chinese language and the Chinese cultural background. Otherwise the student will have to limit his studies mainly to natural sciences.

Thanking you for your attention in anticipation,

Sincerely yours,



Y. P. Mei
DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Enclosures: as mentioned in
the letter.

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY
College of Music
178 Newbury Street
Boston, Massachusetts

January 3, 1934

Miss Jessie Douglass
Secretary of the Student Bureau
Institute of International Education
New York, New York

My dear Miss Douglass:

Replying to your letter of December 11th, there are no funds available at present in the College of Music for fellowships for foreign students. I referred your letter to President Marsh, and enclose his reply. As it would be impossible for me to make use of a teaching fellow next year, I am afraid that I cannot assist you in this very worthy undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

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(signed) John P. Marshall, Dean

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March 16th, 1934

Dr Y. P. Mei,
Director of Studies,
Yenching University,
Peiping,
China.

Dear Dr Mei:-

Your letter of February 21st, 1934, has been received together with the enclosures.

I have at once gone to the Institute of International Education with the applications and found Dr Duggan away in Russia not to return until in the summer. This being the case, I took the question of fellowships up with Mr Edward R. Murrow, Assistant Director, and had a very promising interview with him.

Mr Murrow is very doubtful of being able to place the fellow in either Chicago or Columbia since they have already about settled their fellowship plans and are having fewer and fewer fellowships for foreign students each year now because of the limitations of their funds. He will see at once what can be done and will write directly to you in order to save time as I may be away on the west coast. He will send me copies of his letters to you and I would be glad if you would also send me copies of your letters to him. In this way I can keep in touch with the progress of the arrangements and can step in to help with any stage of the plans where either of you wish to call upon me.

We are sending Mr Murrow a complete set of our catalogues and such other literature as may be helpful to him. Dr Duggan already knows Yenching well.

I am sending you under separate cover some literature which will doubtless prove helpful in a better understanding of the fellowship plans of the Institute. I am also sending you a complete set of the blanks used by the institute with foreign students. They have placed, I am told, their first Chinese fellow this past year and are very hopeful that more students may be placed from the Orient. They do not give these fellowships except as they are awarded by the several institutions cooperating with them. Usually they are on a basis of board and tuition. Mr Murrow suggests that any agreement made by Yenching with the student as to payments to Yenching would be a personal arrangement between Yenching and the student as the Institute would have nothing to do with it.

I believe that it will be altogether possible to work this out for another year if it does not go through this year. Efforts are being made by Mr Murrow immediately and he will write you just as soon as he can get replies to his inquiries from the people who may be interested.

Very sincerely,

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學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

處務教
Office of the Director of Studies

April 24, 1934

Professor N. Gist Gee
Vice President
Yenching University
New York

Dear Prof. Gee:

I am in receipt from you through the President's office: your letter of March 21 concerning the Exchange Fellowship and a letter of the same date inquiring about a list of printed matters, and a copy of the announcement of the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. We are also in receipt of the following three pamphlets concerning the Institute of International Education:

Guide Book for Foreign Students in the United States
Fellowships and Scholarships open to Foreign Students
for Study in the United States
Fellowships and Scholarships open to American
Students for study in Foreign Countries

It is unnecessary to say that our candidates for the fellowship are eagerly waiting to hear of the results of the efforts that are being made in New York. I suppose the Institute is at the same time looking for an appropriate American student to enjoy the privilege of studying in Yenching. It seems however that nothing more need be or could be done from our end until we hear from you or the Institute more definitely.

Of the list of books and pamphlets, I am afraid there has been some confusion in your office. Some of them are evidently not sent to you from us. The rest are sent to you by us on behalf of the candidates for the fellowship in support of their application. They are to be listed according to the following groups:

Mr. Yen Ch'ün, Candidate No. I:
A Study on the Ethical Thought of Aristotle - Yen Ch'ün
Aristotle's Politics - Yen Ch'ün
Greek Thought and Modern Science - Yen Ch'ün
A Comparative Study of the Philosophy of Descartes
and Spinoza - Yen Ch'ün

Prof. N. Gist Gee
April 24, 1934

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Mr. Chang Shih Wen, Candidate No. II:
Ting Hsien Planation Songs - F.C.H. Lee and F.S.W. Chang Vol. I
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R. M. MacIver: Community - Translated into Chinese by
Chang Shih Wen

Mr. Li Pao Chen, Candidate No. III:
Textbook on the Principle of Music - Li Pao-Chen
Vocal Solo Album - Li Pao-Chen
Chorus Album for Men's Voices - Li Pao-Chen
Everybody Sing Book - Li Pao-Chen, Vol. I
Everybody Sing Book - Li Pao-Chen, Vol. II
Mixed Chorus Album - Li Pao-Chen, Vol. I
Mixed Chorus Album - Li Pao-Chen, Vol. II

I suppose this material should be submitted to the
Institute of International Education with the candidates' appli-
cation papers.

*mailed
5/24/34
G.P.* Since Mr. Yen Ch'ün's application has been sent to
you we have received the attached recommendation letter and
an official transcript of record from his former college, which
are also to be forwarded to the Institute of International
Education in support of his application.

I am informing Professors Adolph and E. O. Wilson
about the arrival of the bulletins of the Institute.

The Million Dollar Campaign is slow but encouraging.
The pledges made thus far are usually not in large amounts of
money but indicate a real concern about the future of Yenching.
Dr. Stuart and others are working hard and cheerful.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei
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October 22nd
 1934

Mr. Gist Gee, Vice President
 Yenching University
 150 Fifth Avenue
 New York City

My dear Mr. Gee:

I do not by any means wish to add to the burdens of a very busy man, but I have been engaged by the Columbia Broadcasting System to deliver a weekly broadcast on foreign affairs over a national hook-up. My idea is to give an objective statement of the background of an important event that has taken place during the previous week, its probable effect upon the world in general and its possible influence upon American policies in particular. I am naturally anxious to have as accurate and thoughtful information as I can get. If, therefore, you feel justified in any spare moment to write me a note concerning events with which you are familiar and which you think might be of service in my broadcasts, I hope you will not fail to do so.

As I said above, this is asking a good deal and I can make no return except to express my indebtedness to you now.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Duggan
 Director

SD:AMD

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C O P Y

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
Charlottesville
Virginia

Department of Graduate Studies

October 22, 1934

Dr. Stephen Duggan
Institute of International Education
New York City

My dear Dr. Duggan:

I am interested in what you have to say in your letter of October 18th about student exchanges in American universities with Yenching University, China. The idea is a good one and I hope may appeal to American universities.

We have only two or three traveling fellowships available for our students who wish to go to foreign universities and the conditions attached to these fellowships almost make it necessary for them to attend European universities for advanced graduate work. At present there does not seem to be any prospect of any funds for additional foreign fellowships. I shall read your letter to the advisory committee of the Graduate School and to the committee on fellowships in the hope that some fellowship may be found for any student wishing to attend Yenching university.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) J. C. Metcalf
Dean

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C O P Y

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Ann Arbor
Graduate School

October 23, 1934

Director Stephen Duggan
Institute of International Education
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Duggan:

The University of Michigan has registered now somewhat over a hundred Chinese students, spread through quite a number of divisions of the University. These students are in a sense a problem. They require extra help and, while coming with good records, sometimes are lacking in some of the essentials. I do not think the University could in its present financial condition institute what might be constituting "scholarships" to give tuition to foreign students. We have so many of them and we feel that we are doing our part.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) G. Carl Huber
Dean

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October 25, 1934

Dr. Stephen Duggan
Institute of International Education
2 West 45th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Duggan:

Your letter of October 22nd came this morning. There are three outstanding items of importance in China which we have recently heard of here:

1. The very strong trend in China toward interest in improving the condition of the rural population. This has a long and interesting background and I would be glad to discuss it with you sometime at your convenience.
2. The present silver situation and its effect upon American-Chinese relations.
3. The very interesting fact that the Chinese Government has recently given nearly three-quarters of a million dollars, local currency, to private and mission institutions in China. This is something that has never been done before and a step which I think has great significance.

If at any time any Chinese incident arises on which you would like to have my comment I would be very happy to assist you in this way.

I would suggest that you have the New York Times and the Chicago Tribune clipped regularly for matters relating to China. These may need interpretation at times, but with your background I am sure you can give them the necessary interpretation.

Dr. Grant of the Rockefeller Foundation has returned to the city and can be reached at Columbus 5-3100.

Very sincerely,

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N. Gist Gee

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學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

處務教
Office of the Director of Studies

October 26, 1934

Mr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Gee:

Your letter of September 29 regarding the exchange fellowships through the Institute of International Education has just come. As a temporary arrangement I have been asked to fill in in Dr. Mei's office this year, but I am by no means attempting all the activities in which he took part.

We would be very glad indeed if you would do as you suggest and hold over the applications for the fellowships for next year on the basis of the plans arranged between you and Dr. Mei last year.

Thank you very much.

Most sincerely yours,

R. C. Sailer

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ACTING DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

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October 31, 1934

Mr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Gee:

Thank you very much for your letter of October twenty-fifth with its excellent statement giving the three outstanding items of importance in China. I wish that I might have an opportunity of talking with you again. The next time you expect to be in this vicinity, won't you telephone me?

I wish also to thank you for taking up with the Chinese Foundation through Dr. Stuart the matter of Professor Davis's visit to China. I shall be interested to learn their reaction.

Sincerely yours

SD:EL

Stephen Duggan
Director

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C O P Y

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Office of the
Dean of the Graduate Division
Berkeley

October 31, 1934

Dr. Stephen P. Duggan
Institute of International Education
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Duggan:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th October and say in reply that as a matter of fact we do give opportunities to Chinese students through the provisions of the International House for study under scholarships. That kind of opportunity will, I presume, be continued by Mr. Blaisdell, who is director of the International House. Beyond that I do not know what we can do for still large numbers of Chinese students. I know that Mr. Blaisdell is very deeply interested in the problem and is doing all that he possibly can to bring about the attendance here of as large a number of foreign students as possible, including, of course, Chinese and Japanese students. I shall bring your letter to Mr. Blaisdell's attention in order that he may have it in mind in connection with his own plans for making the International House accessible to foreign students.

As for the case of American students who may desire to study in China, I may say that we shall make every effort to find men who are able to avail themselves of such offers as those you mention from Yenching University, which includes tuition and living expenses for American students.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

Faithfully yours,

(signed)

CHARLES B. LIPMAN
Dean of the Graduate Division

CBL:FM

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C O P Y

REVEREND H. H. GOWEN, D.D.
University of Washington
5005 Twenty-second Northeast

October 31, 1934

My dear Dr. Duggan:

Many thanks for your letter of October 18 suggesting the possibility of making an exchange of students between China and the University of Washington. I will at once bring the matter to the notice of the Departments interested and you will hear from us again.

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Sincerely yours,

(signed) Herbert H. Gowen

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C O P Y

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Faculties of Political Science, Philosophy and Pure Science
Office of the Dean

November 1, 1934

Dr. S. P. Duggan
Institute of International Education
New York City

Dear Dr. Duggan:

Referring again to your letter of October 18 in which you discuss the possibility of a kind of student exchange arrangement between Yenching University and Columbia. I have taken the matter up with Mr. Goodrich of the Department of Chinese who is very keen about it. I don't know how easy it would be to induce American students to go to China for study under such an offering. It would, of course, cover a relatively small part of the total expense. Mr. Goodrich is nevertheless hopeful.

We have now available at Columbia a considerable number of what we call "Graduate Residence Scholarships" which provide merely board and lodging in one of the University residence halls. The student must pay his tuition and other University fees. I take it from your letter of October 18 that this is precisely the arrangement suggested by Yenching University. I see no reason why one or possibly more of these Scholarships here might not be used for this purpose without setting up any special arrangement. The applications for these Scholarships have to be filed by April 1, 1935.

Cordially yours,

(signed) Howard Lee McBain

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C O P Y

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Stanford University, California

November 6, 1934

Dear Director Duggan:

I have your interesting letter of October 18th, regarding a possible exchange of students between Stanford and Yenching University. We have no fellowships or scholarships of sufficient size to cover all tuition and living expenses. We have a few University Fellowships of \$750. a year. The best I can do is to call to the attention of our Dean of Graduate Study these graduates of Yenching to see whether any of them can be chosen from a list which is highly competitive. We, of course, should be glad to have some of our Stanford graduates go to China. I think the idea is an excellent one. If anything practical develops you will hear further from us.

All good wishes.

Faithfully yours,

RLW:ELF

(signed)

Ray Lyman Wilbur
President

Director Stephen P. Duggan
Institute of International Education
New York City

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C O P Y

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Berkeley

November 10, 1934

Dr. Stephen P. Duggan
Institute of International Education
2 West 45th Street
New York, New York

My dear Doctor Duggan:

Dr. Charles B. Lipman, Dean of the Graduate Division of the University of California, recently sent me a copy of your letter and his reply. This referred to the possible establishment of an exchange fellowship with Yenching University. At present and with but a few exceptions, fellowships available for foreign students at the University of California are made available by International House. We have, in the past, used the services of the Institute of International Education in the awarding of these fellowships to Europeans. We have, however, established our own committees in Japan and China for the selection of our candidates. For the time being we are inclined to allow applications to come from the various universities of China and have hesitated, therefore, to enter into exchange commitments with Yenching. We, of course, have been in correspondence for some time with Yenching University in regard to this same matter.

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Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Allen C. Blaisdell
Director

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November 21, 1934

Mr. Gist Gee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Gee:

I am sure you will be interested in the present situation with regard to our efforts to arrange an exchange between Yenching and some American university. I am therefore enclosing copies of letters which we have received up to date. I am following up these various letters asking for a decision in the matter as soon as possible.

Mr. Blaisdell of International House in California states that he has been carrying on correspondence with Yenching for some time, which makes me wonder whether the same three candidates whose papers we have on file have already been submitted to him.

Yesterday I received a letter from a young man at the University of Chicago as well as one from a young man at McGill University in Canada, expressing great interest in taking advantage of the opportunity offered by Yenching. To both these inquirers I have explained the exchange arrangement, asking them to secure co-operation, if possible, with their Universities. In the case of McGill I pointed out that I was not sure that an exchange with a Canadian university would be acceptable even though it were possible.

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Douglass
Secretary, Student Bureau

JD:KW

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C O P Y

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
New York
Faculties of Political Science, Philosophy
and Pure Science

Office of the Dean

December 10, 1934

Miss Jessie Douglass
Institute of International Education
2 West 45th Street
New York, New York

YENCHING

Dear Miss Douglass:

I am happy to tell you that arrangements have been made by which we can receive one or two scholars from Yenching University on a special scholarship basis. It is our understanding that we shall provide for these students board, lodging and tuition but that we shall be under no responsibility for any other expenses.

As we understand it also, Yenching University will extend the same sort of scholarship to one or two students who may be nominated by us. Will you let me know how and to whom such nominations should be made? We are not at the present time putting this upon a permanent basis. Suppose we try it out for the next academic year only. Of course it is understood also that each University reserves the right to pass upon the scholarship qualifications of the students nominated by the other University.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Howard Lee McBain

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C O P Y

BOSTON UNIVERSITY
Boston, Massachusetts

December 20, 1934

Dean John P. Marshall
178 Newbury Street
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Dean Marshall:

We do not have any fellowships in Boston University that pay full tuition plus board and room.

The only way that it could possibly be handled would be to make the student a teaching fellow, and to make his compensation equal to his tuition in the College of Music and his board and room in one of our dormitories. If you wish to do this, I think it would be all right to find out whether there is any student in Boston University who would like to go to China in exchange of the courtesy. Such a student would more likely be found in the School of Theology or in the Graduate School than in other Departments of the University.

I doubt whether you will find a student able to pay his way to China to study. I also seriously question whether you would want to appoint someone to the position of a teaching fellow without knowing anything about either his character or his ability.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Daniel L. Marsh, President

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C O P Y

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
New York City

Faculties of Political Science, Philosophy
and Pure Science

February 13, 1935

Miss Jessie Douglass
Institute of International Education
New York, New York

Dear Miss Douglass:

I am sending you herewith the applications for Yenching Fellowships by two of our students whom we are nominating to Yenching for this purpose. One of them, Janet Steinberg, took her doctor's degree here only a month or two ago. I see no reason why that should make any difference. In fact, it may be a very great advantage for any American who wishes to go into the field of Sinology. I take it that we have nothing further to do in respect of these students and that they will be notified either by your office or by Yenching whether they have been accepted or not.

Upon the nomination of Yenching University, we have accepted the two students, Yen Chun and Chang Shih Wen. As I understand it, our obligation toward them is merely to supply lodging, board and tuition upon their arrival at the University. Notification should, no doubt, go from your office to Yenching as well as to the students themselves. We are also notifying the students that they have been accepted.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

Howard Lee McBain

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Copy to Dr. J. Leighton Stuart

February 18, 1935

Mr. R. C. Sailer
Acting Director of Studies
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Mr. Sailor:

Your letter of January 24th came this morning.

Already arrangements have been worked out with Columbia University whereby Mrs. Yen Chun and Chang Shih Yen have been accepted on the condition that the two students, Mr. Freym and Miss Steinberg, who are nominated by Columbia University for exchange at Yenching, are accepted by the authorities there.

I am sending you a radio message over the amateur system today informing you of the fact that two of our applicants have been received at Columbia and that I am forwarding the papers of two students from Columbia. Please send us a reply to these two applicants by amateur radio just as soon as possible after you receive the papers.

I am very much encouraged by the beginning of this arrangement of exchange between Columbia University and Yenching. I hope it will develop into a regular arrangement and that it will mean much, both to the Chinese and to the foreigners who have an opportunity to study there with you.

Your letter received this morning of course comes too late to put Mr. Teng into the picture. Possibly he may come on some such arrangement another year, and it is well to have these applications in as early as possible, since the time for arrangements is very short, if any correspondence is to be carried on between China and America.

There has been nothing more from Mr. Clark of the Y.M.C.A. and I take it that his party will not be able to get together this year on account of the illness of the man who was to conduct it. It may be that later on some plans may be worked out and that parties may be secured under arrangements like those which Mr. Clark had in mind.

With every good wish, I am,

Very sincerely,

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Two Laureates

Application for Fellowship - Robert Joseph Freyn

Joost Stubborg

Copy of letter from Miss Jessie Douglass

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學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

處務教
Office of the Director of Studies

YENCHING

March 16, 1935.

Mr. N. Gist Gee,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Gee:

Your letter telling of the granting of the Exchange Fellowships to Mr. Yen Ch'un and Mr. Chang Shih Wen has just come. All of us certainly appreciate very greatly all you have done in putting this through. I am writing Mr. Chang k'uai Hsin to make sure that he now has the resources to go at this time. Mr. Yen is quite ready.

The exchange candidates, Miss Steinberg and Mr. Freyn, seem to be of very high quality, and we accept them with pleasure. It is too bad that the amateur radio service has been withdrawn. Your letter came just too late to include our word of acceptance in a cable that went yesterday. Since our reply is positive, I suppose that getting it off right away by mail will be the best thing. I am writing to the two candidates direct. This long-range correspondence is certainly difficult, and next year I think Dr. Galt or Dr. Adolph, who know our inside conditions thoroughly, will be authorized to act for us officially in such matters while they are in America.

Thank you again for this fine piece of work.

Sincerely yours,

Radyn Tahn

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SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

Mr. Gist Gee

April 29, 1935

Dean Howard Lee McBain
Columbia University
New York, New York

My dear Dean McBain:

I am enclosing a letter just received from Miss Janet Steinberg, one of the appointees of Columbia for the Yenching-Columbia exchange fellowships. Since Miss Steinberg has been obliged to resign, I am wondering what effect that will have on the situation. You will recall that one of the Chinese students, Mr. Chang, was not sure as to whether he would be able to accept the appointment at Columbia and in the event that he is not, I assume that only the exchange of one candidate on either side will be arranged for. If, however, Mr. Chang is able to accept and Columbia is not able to present a candidate in substitution for Miss Steinberg, will Columbia still be willing to grant two fellowships to Yenching?

Sincerely yours,

JD:EW
Enc.

(signed)

Jessie Douglass
Secretary, Student Bureau

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C O P Y

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Faculties of Political Science, Philosophy and
Pure Science

April 30, 1935

Miss Jessie Douglass
Institute of International Education
New York, New York

Dear Miss Douglass:

I should think that, having offered exchange fellowships to two Chinese students from Yenching, we should not withdraw the offer to one of them because of the resignation of one of our own candidates who was appointed to go out to that University. That would scarcely be fair. I do not know at the moment whether or not we have any other possible candidates to substitute for Miss Steinberg. If we have I shall let you know.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

Howard Lee McBain

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C O P Y

YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping, China

May 22, 1935

Miss Jessie Douglass
Institute of International Education
2 West 45th Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Douglass:

I am very sorry indeed that there has been so long a delay in notifying you that Mr. Chang Shih Wen accepts with great appreciation the Exchange Fellowship at Columbia secured through you. Mr. Chang has had a good deal of difficulty in completing his financial arrangements, and has just now been able to clear the way. He looks forward to his year in New York with keen anticipation.

We on this end shall await the arrival of Miss Steinberg and Mr. Freyn with much pleasure. I am somewhat concerned about Mr. Freyn, however, for to date no position has turned up to enable him to earn the money that he needs for his mother's support. He is very highly recommended, and many inquiries have been made, but openings are about as few here as they are in America.

Again let me thank you for your help.

Very truly yours,

(signed) R. C. Sailer
Acting Director of Studies

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Copy for Dr. Gee.

Most hearty thanks to you.

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May 22, 1935.

Miss Jessie Douglass,
Institute of International Education.
2 West 45th St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Douglass:

I am very sorry indeed that there has been so long a delay in notifying you that Mr. Chang Shih Wen accepts with great appreciation the Exchange Fellowship at Columbia secured through you. Mr. Chang has had a good deal of difficulty in completing his financial arrangements, and has just now been able to clear the way. He looks forward to his year in New York with keen anticipation.

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Very truly yours,

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Acting Director of Studies

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June 18, 1935

Mr. Gist Gee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Gee:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have just received from Mr. Sailer although he has probably sent you the same information. I have written to Dean McBain at Columbia asking for the necessary certificates of admission for Mr. Chang and Mr. Yen, and as soon as I have received them I shall forward them to the young men with a letter giving a few instructions concerning their arrival in this country. I trust they will be able to attend our student conference in the fall. If you have any further information concerning the exchange, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Douglass
Secretary, Student Bureau

JD:KW

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October 28th
 1935

President J. Leighton Stuart
 Yenching University
 Peiping
 China

My dear President Stuart:

Several visitors to this Institute and several letters which we have received in recent days have made the statement that in view of the activities of the Japanese in Northern China, particularly in Peiping and Tientsin, both Tsing Hua and Yenching might have to move to cities further South. I do not know how accurate this rumor is but I do know that no attempt to move has as yet been made. I am wondering whether it would be advisable to include in our News Bulletin a brief article of about 1000 words on the effect of the Japanese occupation in Northern China. If you think well of this suggestion, whom could you mention as the best person to write the article?

The letters which you send out and copies of which I receive, are most excellent in clarifying the situation. I sincerely hope that you will continue to write. I hope with equal sincerity that the situation will be eased as time goes on and that you will have the opportunity of carrying on real educational work undisturbed by political considerations.

May I express the hope that you will give my kind regards to Professor Porter, Dean Frame and Dr. Hu Shih and any other good friends who may remember my visit to Peiping.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Duggan
 Director

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My dear President Stuart:

I am very much indebted to you for your letter of December 31st and for your kindness in sending me the statement prepared by Dr. Tsiang of Tsing Hua, in regard to the present status of Chinese educational institutions in North China. I understand fully that you do not wish to appear in print in this connection. Dr. Tsiang's statement is an excellent one and we shall be very pleased to print it in the February number of our News Bulletin. If you will let me know how many copies you would like of this, I shall be glad to see that you receive them.

With warmest greetings for the New Year and looking forward to the pleasure of a talk with you before your return to China, I am

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Duggan
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