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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
BERKELEY

PIEDMONT AVENUE
AND
BANCROFT WAY

November 22.
Rec'd -
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My dear Miss Van Seinen :-

My new address is
above. I am here at International House
as assistant director of Social Activities.
This is a position very much to my
liking and I expect to stay here for
some time.

I see my Chinese friends
here on the campus and at the House.

If you know of anyone going to
Yenching, I'd like to have them stop
here to see me, ^{if possible} as I always ^{can go into the city as} have
messages (and packages) to be sent
over. Just a year ago on Thanksgiving

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I returned from Yenching. How long ago that seems!

I should have received the mail sent to 2553 - 6th Ave in L.A. - but I would like it changed now. If you have extra copies of the returned letters - may I please have them?.

I have some scholarship money to send to the New York office - I suppose Mr. Evans is the one to receive it. At least, I shall mail it to him and he can take care of it from there - if he will be so kind. It is not so much, but I know the students who

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will benefit by it.

It was too bad my time there was so cut into with the brain concussion. It took so long for me to recover from that injury, but now it seems that everything is quite all right. My Mr. Hill from P. H. M. C. is living in Berkeley and is quite satisfied that the recovery is complete.

If I can do anything for you here on the coast, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Gertrude Jacobs

James, Arthur Curtiss
1925 - 1929

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*See also Barton
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*Section when final is signed
Draft as a.k.d by —
for a.k. of Mr James see Barton 6/5/25*

*on 6/5/25
Dr. Barton
Dr. W. S. Smith
Reps of Harvard*

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this day of

1925, between ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES, a resident of the City and State of New York, Party of the First Part, hereinafter called "Donor", PEKING UNIVERSITY, a Corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of New York, hereinafter called "University", Party of the Second Part, and ^{the} AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS, a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Party of the Third Part, hereinafter called "Board".

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS: Donor desires to give to the University the sum of One hundred thousand Dollars (\$100,000), said principal sum, however, to be held by the Board as custodian upon the following agreements and conditions, and

WHEREAS University and the Board desire to accept the said gift upon the said conditions,

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED that the conditions and agreements hereinabove referred to and subject to and upon which the above gift has been given and received are the following:

FIRST: The Board agrees to accept the said principal sum of One hundred thousand Dollars (\$100,000) as custodian and to hold the same intact as a permanent fund, and to invest, reinvest and keep invested the said principal sum, in such manner as to earn such income as shall be compatible with safety of investment, it being understood and agreed that the Board shall not be required to invest said principal sum in legal investments for trust funds, and further, in case circumstances should, in its judgment make it desirable, the Board shall have power to turn over to the University said principal sum and accumulations if any to be held by it in accordance with the provisions above contained in this paragraph. Said principal sum and accumulations

if any, are hereinafter designated as the "Fund."

SECOND: All the income from the Fund shall be paid to Peking University ~~at fixed intervals as may be agreed upon.~~ ^{at fixed intervals as may be agreed upon.} ~~when the same shall be received by the Board.~~

THIRD: It is understood and agreed between the parties hereto that the said income may be used by the Trustees of the University, for the benefit of the University, in such manner as in their discretion they may decide. Said income so paid to the University shall not be treated or considered as a part of the contributions which the said Board is accustomed to make to the University.

FOURTH: In the event that the University, for any reason, is unable to continue its work on account of political conditions in China or otherwise, the Board, or if at that time the Fund has been turned over to the University, the Board of Trustees thereof, may add said income to the Fund or donate the same to some other similar educational work preferably in China, in such manner and in such amounts as the Board or the Board of Trustees of the University, as the case may be, may determine.

FIFTH: As and when the University shall be able to recommence its work, it shall so notify the Board and may again apply the income accruing thereafter as provided in Paragraph "Third", or, if at that time the Board holds the Fund the income thereof accruing thereafter shall again be paid to the University as above provided in Paragraph "Second."

SIXTH: In the event that the University, for any reason is forced permanently to abandon its educational work, the Board of Trustees thereof shall so notify the Board, and if the Board then holds the Fund, its obligation to the University shall thereupon cease and determine, but the Fund shall continue to be held as provided in Paragraph "First" and the income thereof shall be applied to educational work of a similar nature in

China; but if such application in the opinion of the Board shall have become inadvisable, then to similar educational work in some other country. If at the time the Board of Trustees of the University notifies the Board as above provided, the Fund is held by the University, the University forthwith shall pay over the Fund to the Board to be held by it and applied as in this paragraph above provided.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS
BY

PEKING UNIVERSITY
BY

ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
89 JOHN STREET

NEW YORK. June 12, 1925.

PLAID

*To Crosby
in James*

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

My dear Dr. North:

I am this morning in receipt
of a letter from Dr. James L. Barton enclosing
the Agreement between Mr. James, Peking University
and the American Board, duly executed in tripli-
cate by the two corporations.

Mr. James left yesterday for a
business trip to the Pacific Coast and is not
due back in the office before the end of the
month. I presume the delay in his signing
this agreement will occasion no hardship.

Do I understand that, when the
Harkness money is paid over to Peking University,
Mr. James's pledge also becomes due at that time?
This matter having come up during my absence, I
am somewhat at sea and will be glad of your ad-
vice in the matter.

Yours very truly,

W. W. Carrman

*Success to
Dr. Harkness letter
Say on. during year
but the sig possibility
of adjustment whereby
if not paid in time to
ensure full income
on / but is relying this
right ~~can~~ be covered. WWC.R*

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TO: THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
FROM: THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

RE: [Illegible]

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June 16, 1925.

*Crossed
to John*

R. L. Corman,
99 John Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Corman:

Referring to your letter of June 12th concerning the trust agreement for Peking University to be executed by Mr. James, let me say there is no need for urgency in his signing the trust agreement, if he does so upon his return.

As to the matter of the payment of the pledge the original pledge from Mr. Harkness states that he will add \$100,000.00 to his former gift "on condition that you secure \$100,000.00 for the general endowment of the University by July 1, 1925". Mr. Harkness' secretary indicated that he might make the payment in full July first, or that he might prefer to spread it over a year in quarterly payments. In the latter case it is probable that he will assure us as much current income as if we had been able to make the full investment at the beginning of our fiscal year, July 1.

If Mr. James also prefers to spread the payment, such an adjustment of the current income would be a very great help to the University, as the heavy expenses connected with the adjustment of operation upon the new site are going to come upon us this year, and we shall have to make use of every available penny for this purpose.

Cordially yours,

Secretary

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
99 JOHN STREET

NEW YORK. June 30, 1925.

A. James, Jr.

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

My dear Dr. North:

In accordance with the request of Dr. James L. Barton of the American Board, I am sending you one copy of the Agreement (executed in triplicate) between Arthur Curtiss James, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and Peking University whereby Mr. James agrees to give to the University the sum of \$100,000, to be known as "the D. Willis James Foundation for Peking University", the principal of which is to be held by the American Board as Custodian upon certain terms and conditions.

I notice that in the case of Mr. Harkness's additional gift, payment may be spread over a year in quarterly installments, and I think we may desire to avail ourselves of the same right in the payment of Mr. James's gift, but with the understanding that we will pay 5% interest on the various unpaid portions of the gift from the date of the Agreement until the final settlement. Will you kindly make due acknowledgment of the receipt of this Agreement?

Trusting this will be quite satisfactory to Peking University, I am

Yours very sincerely,

W. W. Cannon

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Arthur Curtiss James

July 2, 1925.

Mr. W. W. Carman,
99 John Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carman:

I beg to acknowledge in behalf of the Trustees of Peking University, with much appreciation, the receipt of one copy of the trust agreement between Mr. Arthur Curtiss James, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and Peking University, establishing "The D. Willis James Foundation for Peking University".

I also wish to express our hearty appreciation of the provision which you have made for paying five per cent. interest upon the unpaid portions of the gift. This, I can assure you, will be of most welcome and material help in financing the current operation of the University.

A note from Dr. Barton this morning refers to his having received a copy of the agreement, and with reference to the interest on the unpaid portions of the gift, says:

"I take it for granted that this interest will be paid directly to the Treasurer of the University. There is no reason why it should go through the American Board, as I see."

If this is agreeable to you, such payments, when made, should be made to the order of Peking University, and sent to this address.

Cordially yours,

EMH/KJL

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
99 JOHN STREET

NEW YORK. December 22, 1925.

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

My dear Dr. North:

I am enclosing check
from the United States Trust
Company in payment of six months'
interest on the pledge made by
Mr. James toward the Endowment
Fund of Peking University, as
promised.

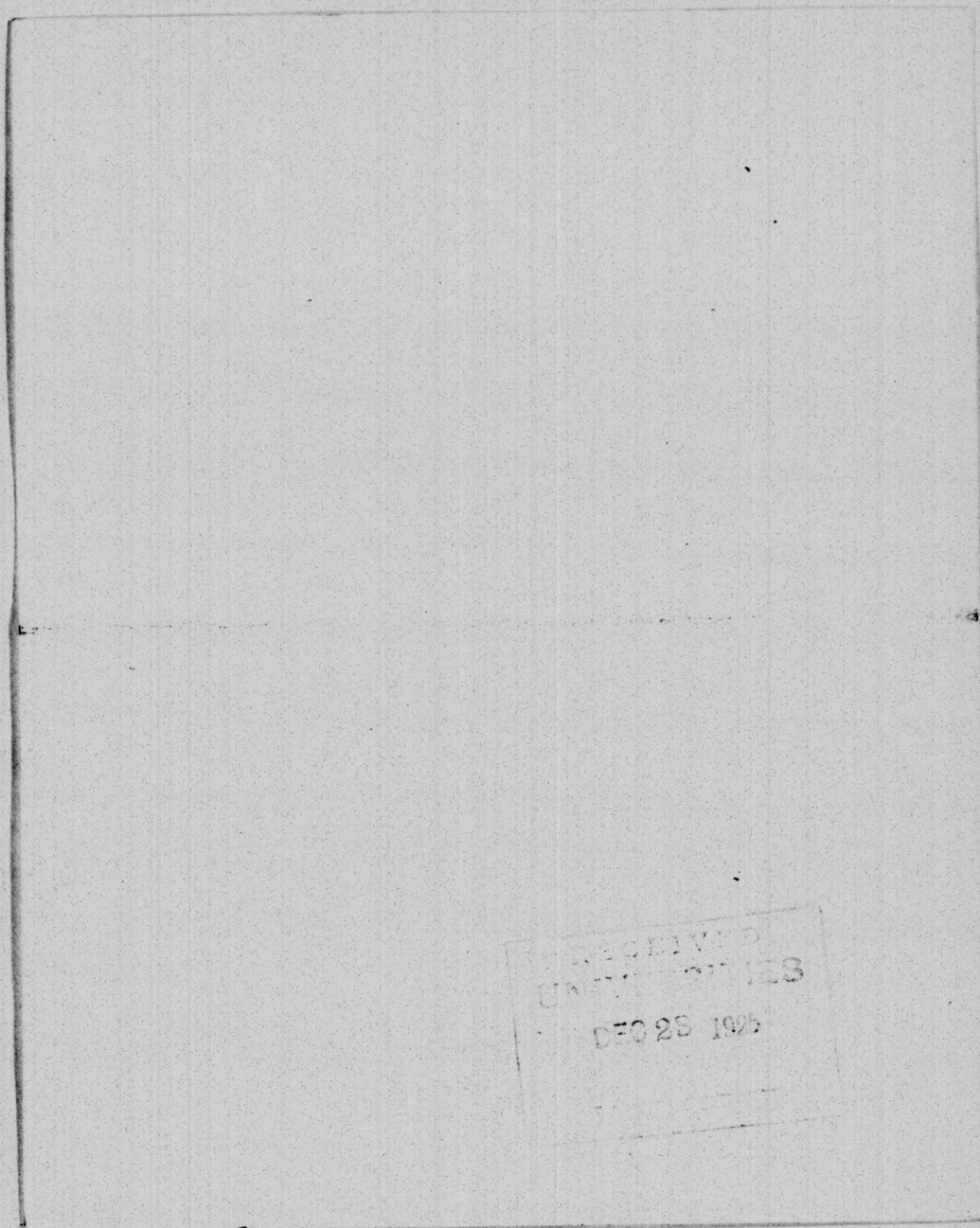
Sincerely yours,

W.W. Cunniff

ck. for \$2,500.00

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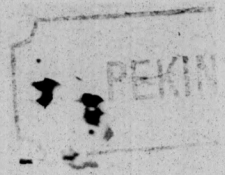
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December 23, 1925.

Mr. W. W. Garman,
99 John Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garman:

I am very glad to acknowledge check of the United States Trust Company for \$2,500.00, received this morning in payment of six months' interest on the pledge made by Mr. Arthur Curtiss James for the D. Willis James Foundation for Peking University.

We much appreciate the provision of this interest.

Cordially yours,

Secretary.

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
99 JOHN STREET

NEW YORK. January 22, 1926.

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

My dear Dr. North:

I am sending Mr. James's check
to the American Board today for \$100,000 in settle-
ment of his pledge toward the D. Willis James
Foundation for Peking University.

As I have written Dr. Barton, I
feel that the present payment is in full liquida-
tion of Mr. James's pledge, especially in view of
the fact that six months' accrued interest was
paid to you last December, and I have asked Dr.
Barton to have proper acknowledgment of this fact
made in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

W.W. Cannon

WWC.R

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Handwritten signature

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January 25, 1926.

Mr. W. W. Carman,
99 John Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carman:

I am very glad to acknowledge your letter of January 22nd reporting that a check for \$100,000. has been forwarded to the American Board in settlement in full of the pledge of Mr. Arthur Curtiss James for the amount for the D. Willis James Foundation for Peking University.

The completion of this benefaction by Mr. James, with the assurance which it brings of continued income through the years for the needs of the University, is very heartily appreciated by the Trustees and by President Stuart. Will you be so kind as to convey assurance of our appreciation to Mr. James?

We also wish to thank you for your generous attention to this matter.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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June 12, 1929

My dear Mr. James:

You generously remitted to this office on July 11, 1928, a contribution of \$1000.00, with the explanation that this was to be considered as a gift you had made regularly to the Women's College. We accordingly did not count that \$1000.00 toward the total amount we had to raise in order to meet the conditions necessary to confirm a large pledge then in hand. We successfully completed the campaign and this pledge for the gymnasium for the Women's College is now being paid and the building is in process of erection.

Through a process of consolidation, the Women's College is now intimately bound up with the general body of the University, both in administration and in cultivation. For that reason we are venturing to inquire whether you can for the year 1929 continue your very important assistance to the women's division of the University.

Assuring you that any contribution you may see fit to send will be most gratefully received by the entire Board of Trustees, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Arthur Curtiss James
99 John Street
New York, N.Y.

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Arthur Curtiss James
99 John Street

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New York, June 19, 1929

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
Assistant to the President,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wannamakers

Replying to your letter of the 12th in regard to my previous contributions to the Women's College in China, I feel that I would not care to make any further subscription at the moment, preferring to wait until I see how the new arrangement under which the management is taken over by the Chinese - practically exclusively, as I understand it - is going to work out.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd) A. C. James

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Dear Dr. Warner:

Please read and see whether you think
you should write a note to Mr. James.

O.D.W.

June 27, 1929

Dear Mr. James:

I have before me your note of June 19th. May I venture to state the exact relationship now existing between the Board of Trustees in America and the Board of Managers in China as regards control of Yenching University? The situation is really very far from an exclusive control on the part of the Board of Managers in China.

According to Chinese Law, every educational institution in that country is now administered locally by a Board of Directors or Trustees resident in China, of which a majority must be Chinese. Yenching University can not function in China without conforming with this law. The same law applies to every other Christian University in the country.

The local Board of Managers, however, is not exclusively Chinese, a small majority of the entire Board consisting of Chinese. A very large minority consists of carefully chosen Americans and British, the same type of mission representatives that have always guided the affairs of the University.

According to Chinese law, the President of the University (or some chief executive, whatever name may be applied), must be Chinese. In the case of Yenching University, the hold Dr. Stuart has upon the Chinese, has been so strong that there has been really very serious urging that he adopt Chinese citizenship, in order to conform with the law, and still be the exclusively directive personality at the head of the University. It was found unnecessary to resort to such a radical plan. A splendid old-fashioned Chinese scholar, devoted to Yenching and to Dr. Stuart, who has been for some time Vice-President of the University, was chosen some months ago in a manner conforming with Chinese Law, but under a title which is translated into English "Chancellor." Dr. Stuart was retained in office without any change of his Chinese title, which is translated into English "President."

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Mr. James.....#2

The Chinese Chancellor was just at that time chosen Vice-Minister of Education of the Nanking Government and accepted appointment on leave of absence from Yenching University. He is now in Nanking. His plan is to return to Peking from time to time to keep up his connection with the University, but he will shortly retire from public office in Nanking and take up his residence in Hangchow to devote himself to literary work. Dr. Stuart is really just as completely the administrative head of Yenching University as he has ever been.

Furthermore, control of funds lies entirely in the hands of the Board of Trustees in America. Since the slight reorganization which has occurred in Peking to conform with Chinese Law, the same procedure has been followed in adopting and controlling the budget. This budget is scrutinized by the Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees in New York City. The Budget Committee of the Trustees required that the budget for 1929-30 be very severely cut. There was no authority in China to decline to make this cut. Furthermore, the Faculty asked permission to take advantage of a favorable rate of exchange and thus have a larger amount of silver for expenditure during the current year. The Finance Committee of the Trustees in America has declined this request in order to hold whatever surplus money accrues through the favorable rate of exchange and have this surplus at the end of the year for meeting unforeseen emergencies. In short, the finances of the University are just as completely controlled from New York as they have ever been.

With regard to the fundamental principles of the institution, the selection of faculty members, etc., the same condition holds good. Every one selected in America must be approved by the Appointment Committee of Trustees. There has really been no change whatever in the process of adding members to the faculty. I am making an entirely candid statement when I affirm that there has been no essential change whatever in the University, as a result of its recent modification to conform with new Chinese Law. In control of finances, selection of faculty, and the religious spirit of the University, everything remains the same.

With assurances of our appreciation of all you have done for the Women's College, and the earnest hope that the University may continue to merit your help, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Arthur Curtiss James
99 John Street
New York City

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Copies to:

Dr. Franklin H. Warner
Dr. J. Leighton Stuart

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