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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. Walter M. Swingle,
U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of the American Minister, Mr. C. R. Crane, I am writing you to ask if you could recommend a man to come to China as advisor to the present Military Governor of Shensi in cotton planting. The official in question is quite anxious to improve the economic condition of his province and is convinced that its soil and climate are especially adapted to cotton raising. He believes that if such good cotton as is now produced can be raised with no scientific study of up to date methods, the quality ought to be very much improved under proper direction. He has asked me to secure an American who would be able to introduce the best kinds of cotton, teach the people how to plant and care for the crops, experiment with the soil and other conditions and in general help to develop this industry. As a Christian educational institution this University is endeavoring to prove its readiness and its fitness for serving the Chinese people in their present economic problems, and to give evidence of the American feeling of good will towards China. He should like a man whom you could recommend and who would come in some what of the same spirit of service as brings missionary educationalists, and who would feel that he would be in a sense connected with our extension department. The Governor would be ready to pay any reasonable salary, and, of course, travel and similar expenses. It would, however, add to the moral effect of his mission if he were willing to begin on a salary such as is paid to missionaries. I suggest that you correspond with our Vice-President, Dr. G. W. Luce, who is now in America

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