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The Rev. Henry W. Luce, D. D.
c/o Dr. W. P. Johnson,
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My dear Luce:-

Two items have come up which lead me to feel that I ought to pass on to you a word of caution concerning commitments in behalf of the University.

First is the dicovery in letters and statements from Mr. Burgess that you, Wheeler and himself were to determine what the term "Social Science" meant with reference to the School. The action of the Trustees looked solely to the perfecting of the administrative arrangements for such cooperation and I am certain did not intend that authority should be given to that Committee to carry the term "Social Science" to the point where it included History and Political Science. A word of inquiry from you would have cleared this matter and prevented the embarrassment in which Burgess has found himself because of this interpretation.

I note the letter from Dr. Dickinson and the indication that you have stated to Mr. Barbour that medical care would be given to members of the staff by the University in accordance with missionary practice of the Boards. Such a statement was an entirely new statement as far as the Trustees were concerned for that policy had never been considered. If, as you think, you did make a statement to Barbour concerning it you have made a decision as to the practice of the Trustees which they have never made. The missionaries who are within the quotas of the several Boards in the staff of the University look to their Boards for such medical careas their Boards grant. No statement has ever been made, so far as I know, as to those who are not within the quotas of the various Boards, and I do not think the University has regarded itself as liable for medical expenses of the latter.

I have a cable from Gibb, which I did not ask for, but which states the approval of the Building Committee in Peking of the points which I have made to you concerning the Library and its relation to the other buildings of the University. You will have this in mind in discussing