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The fact is that these conditions show a certain amount of suspicion and as you intimated in your letter, are largely due to certain anticipated criticisms. I think, however, all criticisms could be met by the six months' clause and that we ought to do away with the two conditions which are not in accordance with the spirit of mutual trust, with which I think Mr. Johnson thinks the Institute ought to be managed.

I recall that when we were discussing the matter at the meeting of the Trustees, Dr. Brown seemed to get a new slant from an incidental remark of mine as to really what we were trying to do. This Museum and Institute affair did not come seeking us. It was just like the Rockefeller foundation coming out there and independently setting up another Institution. Our relations to that Institution aims to keep it as Christian as possible, but in the last analysis we shall have very difficult work to do that for eventually it will all depend upon our raising up enough men to go into the medical school who will be high grade enough to be professors and their numbers would have to be large enough to exercise a dominant influence - a very difficult and problematical question as one looks into the future. We were not able to draw it within the active influence of our Institution, or any other Institution in China.

This new Instititition is of a similar nature. We want to draw it as far as we can into our direct influence and it seems to me quite remarkable that they have been willing to come so far. To me, it would seem unwise to jeopardize the whole thing at this stage by adding conditions, which I ~~feel~~ am confident a good many of our number would ~~feel~~ add little to the practical outcome.

I almost felt like getting on the train and coming directly to New York to talk with you for a letter is so unsatisfactory. I will come still, if you will let me know whether you desire it or not.

Ever sincerely yours,

H. W. Luce

P.S. This of course is regarded by Mr. Johnson as a personal matter between us and is in no sense official.