Central Court composition will be felt; the need for the classrooms, themselves, is vital and pressing; the working drawings and all detail drawings are complete and ready for a start the day word goes to Peking from New York. CAN YOU HELP US CONCENTRATE ON THIS RECITATION BUILDING AND GET THE NECESSARY [illegible] FUNDS BEFORE THE SUMMER TAKES PEOPLE AWAY; SO THAT CONSTRUCTION CAN START IN JULY; AND ENOUGH BE DONE BY MID-SEPTEMBER TO SAVE THE SITUATION? You can quote the architect as having stated, in his very first communication to the Trustees who sent him out this winter, that an immediate start on this Recitation Building is the most pressing need in the whole Institution; and that its architectural importance cannot be over-stated. And Dr. Stuart thoroughly approves my feeling, and is in sympathy with the appeal I am now making to you as one who has always had, it seems to me, an interest second to none of those of the Yenching authorities with whom I have come in contact, in the attainment of high architectural standards.

I shall be ready to meet with the Trustees and present my report early in July; and I earnestly hope that before then the need will already have been removed for stressing, in my report, the VITAL NECESSITY OF PROCEEDING WITH RECITATION BUILDING!!!

With best regards to all the rest of the Yenching people.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. K. Murphy

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