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Dr. H. W. Luce,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, U. S. A.

My dear Harry:

Your cable came day before yesterday and was at once decoded and sent to Mrs. Luce, after which she and I had a further conference resulting in the cable sent you today, the translation of which is as follows:

> "We strongly recommend H. W. Luce serve permanently in the United States. Come here, if you can possibly manage it, for the summer months in order to understand recent developments. Your wife thoroughly approves all this."

It seems to me that it is only fair to Mrs. Luce and yourself to plan for your future on a basis of permanence, either in China or in America. The uncertainty and separation involved in any other course involves too much sacrifice, and I feel more and more convinced that your largest usefulness to the University, and, therefore, to China is by continuing to cultivate friends with financial possibilities in America. For some years we shall have a very harrassing need of money, and you have given ample evidence of your effectiveness in securing it. You already know my position on this, so I shall not enlarge further, except to say that if you do so decide, it seems to me that Mrs. Luce and yourself ought to be comfortably settled in or near New York and provided with a salary that will enable you to live under those conditions.

The particular matter, however, which I feel concerned about now is your trip to China this summer. As you already are aware, Mrs. Luce ought to have medical treatment for several months yet before traveling, and while she seems to be improving it would be hard on her to leave China until the doctors feel that the present course of treatment is sufficiently far along to enable her to do so without injury. If, therefore, you could come out here when the spring season is over, and take her back with you in the autumn, it would be the best thing for her that could happen.