This seems to me to mean nothing but that when she pays $8000- she will have a residence as her gift!

residence if and when (in case you carry out your cherished desire which you expressed to me) you can make up the balance of the $6000 and then have a complete residence there as your own gift to this great and inspiring task there at Peking." .....

"If you will send your gift of $2000 to us making it payable to Peking University, I will report it at once to Peking, possibly by cable."

She has just replied under date of July 26 that she is still concerned about the unsettled condition in China, even in spite of my assurance, for there is some friend of hers in Los Angeles who claims to know the situation and who is urging her to "go slow - not now - wait and see", etc.etc. Then she adds, "As I have said to you, I cannot possibly meet half the demands made upon me from my limited income, but because of my word's sake, when you assure me the other $6000 is actually in hand for a professor's residence only, I will send you check as requested."

I am writing now to ask what you think we should do under the circumstances in regard to this matter. It not only involves this $2000 but it almost surely involves the rest of a residence, because my thought would be that, if she gave the $2000, to send her then our bequest form, expressing the hope that she would let it come out of her estate in case that were necessary. She is a strong and well preserved woman but over eighty years old.

Very sincerely yours,

H W Luce

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Dear Luce -

There is no way of wangling this out. Her clear understanding and settlement is that when $6000 (by which she thinks and we must agree is in new money) is available she will pay $2000. We do not have loose money we can assign. I have said again and again that not only is loose money not available (even in the form of undesignated funds spent on residences) but that designated funds are tied up in expenditures necessary for the scheme as a whole but not the objects for which they were designated. There is no way to meet this situation except by securing $6000 of new money. $8000.- is too much for a single new