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TRANSFER

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My dear Dr. North:-

I have your letter of January 21st and have noted the encouraging items to which you refer.

You are quite right in thinking that "the China situation is notmaking the raising of money very easy". I am inclined to think that we have got to prepare ourselves for temporary disappointments financially during this year. Mr. Milton McRae, a famous and now retired newspaper man of the Scripps Newspaper Syndicate, has been friendly to us in San Diego. He told me that sensing public opinion as he had been trained to do, he thought that we would have hard sledging during the next two years. All across the continent from New York to San Francisco, I crossed and re-crossed the pessimistic trail left by Silas Strawn. In addition, there is the Yale drive for $20,000,000., and the Presbyterian Pension Fund for $15,000,000. which we meet at every turn. Ready money does not seem to be in sight, though I believe that our friends are growing more friendly all the time , and some of them are having more definitely in mind planning to help us than they have ever had before. It will no doubt be a testing time for all of us, but we will, no doubt, win out in the long run "if we faint not".

I think you are right in saying that "these times call for patience and courage".

I note the two actions - B.F. 2044 and B.F. 2045. I hope it will not be regarded as implying any lack of desire to fully comply with all the desires of the Committee. May I ask that we delay No. 2044 until some time when I am at the office where we can bring the various factors together? For the present, we have in mind the general items and Mr. Evans said you would be sending me a still fuller statement of our needs, and as for the individual sources, a full statement could only be made by going over every one of the Cities where we have friends and adjusting the items of our needs to their interests. If we could delay this until a little later, possibly June or after I return to New York, it would seem to me we could best do it then.

As to the report on each individual interview, I am having even now more than I can do successfully in getting the record of my interviews down in any adequate way in my note book*, and I am wondering if, with an occasional report on the main items in each place, that would not

* often have late at night and wearied with the multiplicity of items to hold in mind & heart.