PEKING
Stuart

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Dear Leighton:

On receipt of your letter and cable, we took up the matter of funds for the President Hsu's garden with Mr. Hamilton. Our letter reached him just at the time his heart was particularly touched by the death of one of his pet boys, Roxor Pearce. You know he is very fond of helping boys through school and college and this boy was at Taft. He called me up by telephone and I went down to see him at his residence-one of the most palace-like private apartments I was ever in, hung with very costly pictures. Within a day or two he signed a note which Mr. Garside has here in the safe, a copy of which we enclose and which will tell its own story.

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The note Mr. Hamilton gave calls for payment sometime before the end of next year but, if Andrew Mellon takes a costly picture that he is selling him in September, his plan is to pay the money within a month or two. Mr. Garside has already cabled you in regard to purchasing the President Hsu's garden.

You will, of course, note that the amount is for $15,000. Approximately $10,000. of this is to go into purchasing the additional land for the athletic field and giving it proper equipment such as bleachers, running track, etc. After I had talked the matter over with you and believing I was expressing what you said, I gave Mr. Hamilton to understand that this $10,000 would not only buy the land but would also make possible a good running track and cement bleachers. If I have not quoted you rightly, then we shall have to correct it. At the suggestion of Mr. Merle-Smith, we lumped the $15,000 and did not separate it though roughly speaking $10,000 is for the athletic field and $5,000 for President Hsu's garden. In addition to our agreement to make the athletic field a very good field, it is important that President Hsu's garden be put in good condition so that it would at least be a beautiful place. You know, of course, how much that would mean to Mr. Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton is making no condition for what President Hsu's garden should be used. He said you could fill it with dormitories if you so desired. It is possible you may wish to use it for residences, but, whatever the use it is put to, it is very important to see that the garden is arranged so that it would be a pleasing place to go to and would seem worthwhile to Mr. Hamilton if in time he should come to see it

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