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Friend Garside:

Would you at convenience let me know where I could best reach Prof. T.C.Chao by letter? (Back at Yenching University now.)

You may like to glance over Bishop Gilman's letter. If you think the incident might stand you in good stead sometime as an argument for going ahead , I have no objection to your taking a copy of the letter. One can of course understand why they so interpreted China and at the same time one can be surprised that knowing China so long they could not have made an opposite interprtation , as they had to do within five years! If a fellow had to be"a complete fool", then I would prefer (and think it the part of wisdom) to be"~~xfuxhpifixxxxpixxxxxx~~ "a complete fool of an optimist", especially in the case of the Chinese, than to be a complete fool of a pessimist. In the long run where one is compelled to make a decision for action in regard to things Chinese, the wise thing is to play optimist.Ai Ya! suppose all of us had been pessimistic in Boxer Days of 1900, or at the time of the 1910-11 Revolution and at a dozen other dates-- just think what would not have been accomplished! Why, while the embers of Wei Hsien Station were still burning in 1900 we were planning at Tsingtao to move and build a bigger and better college at Wei Hsien. ~~And~~ In a negative way this letter of Gilman's proves the point. So I say it is a good rule for use in regard to China : When in doubt , play optimist.

Yours for the optimistic way

H.W.P.