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Mr. E. M. McBrier
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Dear Mr. McBrier:

On my return for a short visit to Philadelphia, I found your letter of November 17th. Actually I am in Philadelphia only for very short visits these days as I am doing some special aeronautical work in Connecticut and the war situation has given it such importance that I am more or less concentrating on it. We have rented the house here and are now living at Old Lyme.

I, too, regretted that I could not take a greater part in Yenching activities. Though this has been partly due to some embarrassment over my unpaid pledge, it has been more largely due to the fact that my health has made it more and more necessary for me to conserve my time and energy and to avoid traveling as much as possible. I have often thought that because I really was becoming so useless, I should tender my resignation in order to make room for someone who could be of more help.

I have the pledge very much in mind and I am, along with my cousin, working out plans for taking care of such both in the case of Yenching and The Franklin Institute. Some of our projects which have been more or less dormant for years seem now to be really moving so perhaps it will not be too long before something can be done.

I expect to be back in Philadelphia the first few days in December but probably not after that until sometime in January.

Very sincerely yours,

C. Townsend Ludington

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