March 20, 1939

Dear Mr. Ludington:

I have not written to you for some time. I am writing today to those trustees of Yenching that have not made a pledge this year to the current budget. I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I am writing. It sets forth the situation as to how Yenching trustees are responding to the call for need during this time of war.

I suppose that you prefer to apply any contribution that you may make on your pledge. In February 1938 you sent us a check for $250.00 and in July 1938 a check for $100.00. These two payments were applied on your original pledge. We do need funds during these days of war, more than I can explain to you in this letter. Progress bulletins have been mailed to you regularly. I hope that you read them carefully.

I want to ask, Mr. Ludington, that you do two things at the earliest possible date. First, send us a check for as large an amount as you possibly can to apply on your pledge. I hope it may be a generous one this year. Second, send us a smaller amount for this current year's needs. I am not asking that this check be a large one but simply such an amount as you can easily contribute to this year's current needs.

Included in the total figure of $330,000 current requirements for the twelve universities is the item of $56,332 that are desperately needed as Yenching's share. The last contribution I am asking for applies toward this latter need.

Hoping I may have an early response, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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