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Shanghai,
February 6, 1934

Dr. N. G. Gee,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Gee:

I am still in Shanghai, having been kept here by various meetings and by the efforts of Dr. Y. T. Tsur and myself in our financial campaign.

We have secured Hubert Liang as full-time secretary because it seemed necessary to have some one who would be able to make this his first responsibility. He has had quite a little experience in YMCA financial work and this, together with his former position as secretary to David Yui, has given him a wide acquaintance. Our thought is that if the Department of Journalism can be maintained he will ultimately become a teacher of that subject. Meanwhile, he can give special emphasis to it in the present financial efforts.

We are following very much the policy with which you are proceeding by building up an Advisory Council of prominent Chinese, one group of which is more intimate and is expected to take some real responsibility, and a larger list who count for not much more than sponsors. Everyone whom we have asked has agreed to serve. The good will and the endorsement of Yenching are extremely gratifying, but the prospects of immediate financial results are anything but encouraging.

It seems that the depression which has had the West in its grip is now reaching Shanghai. A number of factors of which this is one are reducing the economic capacity even of the well-to-do Chinese and there are appeals for money almost as numerous as in the States. It seems fairly clear that our results will come chiefly from the personal gifts of our old students and from those we now have, together with the money they will raise among their immediate families and friends. This may at any time lead to "uncovering" big prospects or finding friends who can help in various ways.

It seems on the whole wiser to go in for this slow education and cultivation program rather than to try to

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To - Dr. N. G. Gee

solve the deficit problem of next year by high pressure methods. In the end, we shall be much better off. Significant, therefore, as this undertaking is and hopeful as I believe it will prove for the future, it cannot be depended on for the budgetary issues of the next one or two years unless we run into a piece of good fortune which could not be calculated. May I ask you to share the contents of this letter with the Trustees, as they will be interested in what is happening?

There is a special matter about which I should like to have your judgment and assistance. I think it not impossible that we can secure funds in China sufficient to carry on the work in Journalism provided that the salary of Nash be secured in the States. It is a rather large single budget and Chinese good will has not yet reached the point of contributing actual money before next July to include this. Of course, it is possible that this might be done, but by no means certain, and the moral effect would be much better if all gifts in this country were used for other features.

Nash thinks that Williams and Martin have some assurance of being able at least to maintain his support. Try to find out if this is true and help them if they wish it in such an effort, even though this requires a trip to Missouri. If Nash cannot stay after this academic year, I should favor closing out the Department, which would be a real loss to say nothing of a hardship for him. If, on the other hand, we can get by one or two more years, there is a good probability of getting support both in the States and here for its continued maintenance.

Meanwhile, the University of Shanghai has started a department and will push this aggressively although the Missouri men seem to have the conviction that this subject is always best taught elsewhere than in a big commercial center. If or when the correlated program develops to the point when this issue can be taken up, we stand ready to abide by any decision of a representative group. Until then we want to do our best not to allow what has been built up with so much effort and increasing promise to perish.

Very sincerely yours,

JLS:RM

J. Leighton Stuart

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February 8th, 1934

Professor Frank Martin, Dean
School of Journalism,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Professor Martin:-

Our letter of recent date evidently crossed again and I wonder if you have any suggestions as to what might be done through either your office or ours here as to securing some of the money already pledged. The situation is critical and some action should be taken soon in order to communicate some decision to the field.

If the Yenching -Missouri Foundation could be completed and could insure the continuation of the work in Journalism whether in Yenching or elsewhere then this would be a solution of the problem. The entire question of finances at Yenching is serious and is under consideration now. I am sure that the Board of Trustees will not be in a position to assist in the Journalism program. It will require all of their resources and more to meet the emergency situation which Yenching will face for the coming academic year. We will be glad to do anything possible here to help out, but would like your ideas.

New York is still in the grip of a cold spell that is probably the worst we have had for many a day in the length of time which it lasts.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N.Gist Gee.

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 13, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

I know of no method to pursue in an attempt to collect the unpaid pledges to the Department of Journalism of Yenching University except to send out a new appeal individually to each one of them as soon as possible. If you think it will be of any help, I shall prepare a letter here over my signature telling of the situation, with the thought that you might inclose it with whatever letter you send out from your office. A personal visit to each of them seems out of the question and I doubt whether any greater success would be attained by such procedure.

The informational material necessary for drawing up the legal papers for a pro forma decree for the incorporation of the Missouri-Yenching Foundation has been sent to our University attorney, Mr. Barnett. I am letting him proceed, however, in getting his petition ready, but will not go farther with the corporation, in accordance with your suggestion.

Within the last few weeks I have written several letters in an attempt to sound out various publishers in reference to new subscriptions to the funds. These have been without results thus far. I shall continue this, however, in the hope that I may accidentally find some willing to subscribe.

I hesitate going into the matter presented to me by President Liu of Shanghai University, for as you realize I hope that such a move will not be necessary.

Briefly it was this. President Liu stated to me that he understood this was the final year of the five-year project for the Department of Journalism at Yenching University and that it was his understanding that plans have not matured for its continuance. He wanted me to know, he said, that Shanghai University would be delighted to aid in the matter if Yenching would consider transferring the Department to his university in Shanghai which he thought was the logical place for newspaper instruction because of the number of newspapers published in that state and its proximity to the press. He did not state definitely how much financial assistance he could guarantee but left the inference with me that money could be raised for the continuance of the department in Shanghai provided that it is joined with the department already started at Shanghai. He also stated that the name need not be changed to eliminate Yenching and that he was perfectly

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willing to have it the Missouri-Yenching-Shanghai University Department or some such name as that.

Needless to say, with my loyalty to Yenching and my sincere desire to see the department continue there, I would be very reluctant to have such a change made. I merely write it to you in case you want to take it up with Dr. Stuart or your trustees. I do not even know what the relationship is between Yenching and Shanghai universities.

You inquire in your letter as to whether or not the Missouri-Yenching Foundation could guarantee a sufficient amount of money to continue the department of journalism next year. I do not see how the Board named could be asked to make such a guarantee, for the reason that we specifically stated in our letters to them asking them to become trustees that none would be asked or obligated to assume any financial obligations.

I assume you are getting in touch with the field to find out what if any success has been attained in China in raising funds there.

I hope that there will be an opportunity to talk things over personally with you very soon.

Please advise me if you think the idea of renewed appeal supplemented by a letter from me going out from your office would be of value.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

FLM:WM

*copy to J.S. 7/5/34 mailed by H.K.K.
Y.N.*

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Copy of Radio Broadcast to American Friends of the Chinese Press Feb. 15, by Dr. Stuart

Feb. 15, 1934

Dean Frank L. Martin, Neff Hall, Columbia, Missouri

Copy to Dr. N. Gist Gee, Yenching University, N.Y.C.

CHINESE PUBLISHERS PUBLIC EXPRESSING DEEP
GENUINE APPRECIATION AMERICAN HELP AND ARE RESPONDING
GENEROUSLY JOURNALISM FINANCIAL APPEAL STOP ALL HERE FEEL
SUSPENSION ALMOST UNTHINKABLE STOP CONSIDERED VITAL WE KNOW
VERY SOON WHETHER NASH CAN REMAIN STOP

POSITIVE INSTRUCTIONS NEEDED NOW SAKE CHINA
CAMPAIGN ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS JUSTICE NASH FUTURE PLANS STOP
IF FOUNDATION CAN ASSURE HIS SUPPORT WILLING HERE CARRY ON *you*
ANOTHER YEAR AT LEAST WITH WHATEVER ADDITIONAL FUNDS WE ABLE
OBTAIN HOWEVER SMALL STOP

HOLLINGTON TONG AGREES HEAD COMMITTEE UNDERTAKE
RAISE TEN THOUSAND FOR NEXT YEAR PROVIDED NASH KEPT HERE BY
AMERICAN FRIENDS ALREADY HAVE SUBSCRIPTIONS CHINESE FOUR
THOUSAND ANNUALLY FOR NEXT TWO YEARS STOP SITUATION DECIDEDLY
HOPEFUL BUT CAN NOT EXPECT SECURE SUFFICIENT PAYMENTS NEXT
ACADEMIC YEAR CARRY BOTH NASH AND FIELD BUDGET STOP FURTHER
HELP AT LEAST MAINTENANCE NASH BY AMERICAN SUPPORTERS
ESSENTIAL CONTINUANCE EARLIEST POSSIBLE CERTAINTY HIGHLY
DESIRABLE EAGERFULLY HOPEFULLY AWAIT NEWS REGARDS STUART.

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Yenching University, 150 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.

Copy to Dean Frank L. Martin, Neff Hall, Columbia, Mo.

HAS ANY FRIENDLY PRESSURE BY MISSOURI BEEN
EXERTED UPON SUBSCRIBERS IN ARREARS QUERY IF NOT SUGGEST
SAME WITH USE OF INFORMATION IN MY MESSAGE TO MARTIN TODAY
STOP CRITICAL CONDITION PRESENT YEAR'S BUDGET COULD BE
REMOVED BY PAYMENTS BEFORE JUNE STOP

JOURNALISM BUDGET CRISIS WOULD BE LARGELY
REMOVED DESPITE SLOW PAYMENTS IF FOUNDATION ABLE ASSURE
YENCHING TRUSTEES NASH SUPPORT ANOTHER YEAR AND WILLINGNESS
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WOULD RELEASE FUNDS NOW HELD IN RESERVE AGAINST POSSIBLE
RETURN. STUART.

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 17, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

Replying to your letter of February 15th, I shall be glad to prepare the statement to be sent out to those who pledged to the Yenching-Journalism Fund next week. I shall be out of town over the week-end.

I am inclosing a copy of a letter which I have just had from Hin Wong which is self-explanatory.

I shall write Mr. Brown early next week in regard to the possibility of getting various men interested in underwriting the program.

Please advise me when you start for the West so that we may have our conference.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 19, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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J.W. Brown

Dear Dr. Gee:

This letter with an inclosed statement goes to you this afternoon by air mail, following receipt of your letter and copy of the radiogram from Dr. Stuart here today.

This statement is a tentative one on my part and you have my permission to make any changes you think would strengthen it as an appeal. My thought was that it could be sent out with a letter from your office as a letter from me, each one to be directed personally to the donor who has an unpaid pledge. You have my authorization for signing each.

I was gratified by the tone of Dr. Stuart's radiogram which confirms somewhat the statement contained in Mr. Hin Wong's letter, a copy of which I believe I forwarded you last Saturday.

It is not possible for me to pledge the University to underwrite the amount of Mr. Nash's salary or for that matter any amount. The situation is that the University officially has never spent any money from its own funds for the Department of Journalism at Yenching. The amount given was, as you know, raised entirely from pledges of editors and publishers containing a \$1000 gift guaranteed by President Williams. This money given by President Williams was obtained from the reserve fund of our daily publication, the Columbia Missourian, which would be unable to finance at this time an additional contribution or guarantee. This is due to the fact that the financial situation has affected the business and finances of our daily to such an extent that we have to safeguard its continued existence here in every way possible.

I am proceeding as you suggest with the formation of the Missouri-Yenching Foundation and will send you this week the list of the trustees named. As I stated in my previous letter, I do not believe we could call upon the trustees to underwrite any amount since in our letters from this office to them we stated that in no sense would acceptance of a trusteeship carry with it any financial obligation. I do think, however, that if we arrange a meeting or if a meeting is not possible, a conference by mail in which we set forth the plight of the Department, there might be a possibility of an agreement on the

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part of the trustees to make such a pledge based upon their ability to procure the money by individual effort in the form of subscriptions.

I am very hopeful that a renewed appeal from your office, together with the one I am sending you, will bring in an appreciable amount.

I am writing this hurriedly and you can expect to hear from me again within a few days.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

FLM:WM

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Form letter suggested by
Dean Martin 2-19-34 to
go to all having unpaid pledges
to you.

The University of Missouri School of Journalism,

under whose sponsorship the Department of Journalism was
established at Yenching, ^{University} takes this opportunity of making an
urgent, personal appeal to all donors to the original fund
raised to maintain the school for five years, to complete
in as large measure as possible their pledges to this fund.
Radio messages just received from Peiping indicate that the
continuance of the Yenching Department of Journalism, which
has made such splendid progress, and which has demonstrated its
value and worth in contributing to the welfare of the people
of China in an educational way, depends upon the payment of
these pledges NOW.

The Journalists of China and other interests there
are eager to have made permanent the first educational project
in training for the profession. So aroused is their interest
that they have organized to collect funds and in the future
to contribute, materially, if not wholly, toward the maintenance
of the Department at Yenching.

But instruction cannot be continued without inter-
ruption, despite the efforts of the Chinese journalists interested,
unless the pledges so generously made by the editors and pub-
lishers in this country, are paid so that the current expenses
of the Department can be met.

Briefly, statements from Yenching University prove ^{that}
the continuance of abandonment of the whole project depends
upon securing the entire fund guaranteed to the University when

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the instruction was started, and as much as each donor can pay upon his pledge right now.

It is a meritorious work that your contributions have carried on, and I trust you will make every effort to see that this work can be continued without a disrupting interlude that might easily destroy the effectiveness as well as the permanency of the endeavor so well started.

Sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Associate Dean
School of Journalism
University of Missouri

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February 23rd, 1934

My dear Dean Martin:-

I have just gone over the letter which you have written to those who have failed to meet their pledges to Journalism, with Mr Hedrick. He thinks that it is splendid and will fill the needs exactly. It should, of course, go out on your stationery and we are returning the letter with the hope that you can get it out to the list, dated Jan. 15th, 1934, which we sent you recently. There is only one suggestion and it is that with each letter you send a brief statement of their account indicating amount of pledge, basis of payment, amount paid up to date and the amount still due. This clipped with the letter, but not included in it, will probably be the best way to handle that. The facts needed will be found on that list.

The replies in this case will come back to you and you can send them on to us here for filing. I hope that there will be quite a large number of checks with the letters. We will be glad to send you the postage if you will let us have the statement of it.

I am planning to leave here soon after the first of March. I go to Washington first and then stop for a day at Cornell University if I can make it without too much loss of time and then right on to St Louis. Just as soon as I get there I shall let you know.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 24, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 21st and a copy of your letter from Mr. James Wright Brown. Yesterday I wrote Mr. Brown at length explaining to him the situation at Yenching and asking him to write me his ideas as to the best way we could proceed. I told him what we had been doing up to this point.

Our University attorney is working on the Foundation and it should be ready for incorporation at the next session of our local circuit court.

I hope you will advise me as to what you have done in notifying the donors who are in arrears in payment of pledges.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

FLM:WM

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 27, 1934

*form letter sent
to donors delinquent pledges*

Dear Mr. Davis:

The University of Missouri School of Journalism, under whose sponsorship the Department of Journalism was established at Yenching University, takes this opportunity to make an urgent, personal appeal to all donors to the original fund raised to maintain the school for five years, to complete in as large measure as possible their pledges to this fund. Radio messages just received from Peiping indicate that the continuance of the Yenching Department of Journalism, which has made such splendid success, and which has demonstrated its value and worth in contributing to the welfare of the people of China in an educational way, depends upon the payment of these pledges NOW.

The journalists of China and other interests there are eager to have made permanent the first educational project in training for the profession. So aroused is their interest that they have organized to collect funds and in the future to contribute, materially, if not wholly, toward the maintenance of the Department at Yenching.

But instruction cannot be continued without interruption, despite the efforts of the Chinese journalists interested, unless the pledges so generously made by the editors and publishers in this country, are paid so that the current expenses of the Department can be met.

Briefly, statements from Yenching University prove that the continuance or abandonment of the whole project depends upon securing the entire fund guaranteed to the University when the instruction was started, and as much as each donor can pay upon his pledge right now.

It is a meritorious work that your contributions have carried on, and I trust you will make every effort to see that this work can be continued without a disrupting interlude that might easily destroy the effectiveness as well as the permanency of the endeavor so well started.

Sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Associate Dean,
School of Journalism,
University of Missouri

~~Mr. B. J. Davis~~
~~c/o Davis Paint Co.~~
~~Kansas City, Missouri~~

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

March 21, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

Your letter of March 17th arrived this morning. I am sorry that you have not been able to get away from New York as planned, for we should have liked to have seen you here. I am inclosing a copy of the proposed articles of incorporation for the Missouri-Yenching Foundation. I would appreciate it very much if you would read it over and get as soon as possible approval by the Yenching Board of Trustees.

If these articles of incorporation meet with the approval of the Yenching Board, there is to be filed a separate petition, which I am informed by our University attorney is not usually set forth in the articles themselves, to the effect that under the Missouri State law no stock will be issued by the company and that no member of the Board of Trustees incurs any personal financial liability of any sort. The separate petition also will contain temporary appointment of officers as follows: President Walter Williams, president; Frank L. Martin, secretary; and Dr. N. Gist Gee, treasurer.

I have received no additional replies to the personal appeal I made to donors who have unpaid pledges. I am negotiating now with the officers of the Press Congress of the World in an effort to get a gift from that organization for as much as \$500 gold. I may hope to get more. I am still hoping that we will get something from Mr. Meyer. I have not made up my mind in the matter of inviting Mr. Meyer to our annual Journalism Week in May because I am just now shaping the program. If I do, I shall talk to him personally about making a gift, but if I do not invite him, I shall write to him.

Do you hear anything further about the campaign in China ?

With best personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Frank L. Martin

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Know All Men By These Presents:

That, The undersigned, being desirous of forming a corporation under the provisions of Article 10, Chapter 32, Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1929, have associated themselves by the following articles of agreement:

I. The name of the corporation shall be "Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation."

II. The location of the office of the corporation shall be in the City of Columbia, County of Boone, State of Missouri, in the United States of America.

III. The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

IV. The corporation shall not be conducted for profit; the purposes for which it is formed are exclusively in the interest of education and science, and particularly for the purpose of promoting and furthering education for Journalism at the University of Missouri and at Yenching University, at Peiping, China. It proposes to accomplish its objects by establishing an endowment and foundation for promoting the interests and welfare of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri and the Department of Journalism of Yenching University, and for aiding and extending the the separate and co-operative activities of both schools.

V. As means of accomplishing the foregoing purposes the corporation shall have among others the following powers:

To receive gifts, devises and bequests of money or of real or personal property of whatsoever kind or where-soever situated;

To accept and administer any trust of property, real or personal, for any of the purposes of the corporation;

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To acquire, hold, sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of real and personal property, of whatsoever kind or wheresoever situated, as the purposes of the corporation may require, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by law;

To borrow money; to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes and other obligations in payment for property acquired and money borrowed;

To invest and reinvest any principal and deal with and expend the income and principal of the corporation in such manner as in the judgment of the directors will best promote its objects;

And in general to exercise such powers as are authorized by law and are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of the corporation.

VI. No part of the net income of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private member or individual and no member, officer or employee of the corporation shall receive or be lawfully entitled to receive any pecuniary profit of any kind therefrom except reasonable compensation for services actually performed in effecting one or more of the purposes of the corporation or as a proper beneficiary of its activities.

VII. The number of directors of the corporation who shall be known and styled as "Trustees" shall for the time being be eight (8), but the number of trustees may be changed from time to time at election of the corporation.

VIII. The persons who shall be directors of the corporation until the first annual meeting are the persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Dr. Walter Williams	President of University of Missouri Columbia, Missouri
Mr. Frank L. Martin	Associate Dean, School of Journalism University of Missouri Columbia, Missouri
Mr. Robert J. Clark	Kansas City Power and Light Company Kansas City, Missouri
Mr. James Wright Brown	Editor of <u>Editor and Publisher</u> New York City
Dr. N. Gist Gee	Vice-President Yenching University 150 Fifth Avenue New York City
Mr. W. F. Prisk	The Pasadena News Pasadena, California
Mr. Marcellus Foster	The Houston Press Houston, Texas
Mr. R. G. Callvert	The Oregonian Portland, Oregon

IX. The membership of the corporation shall consist of eight (8) persons, to wit, the undersigned subscribers of this certificate and such other persons as shall be elected to membership according to the By-Laws and their successors. The membership may be enlarged from time to time in the number and in the manner provided in the By-Laws.

X. The trustees shall adopt By-Laws not inconsistent with these Articles for the regulation and control of the affairs and property of the corporation, and may from time to time amend, modify, alter or repeal such By-Laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this
____ day of _____, 1934.

March 23rd, 1934

Professor Frank L. Martin, Dean
School of Journalism
University of Missouri,
Columbia,
Missouri.

Dear Dean Martin:-

Thank you for your letter of March 21st with the copy of the proposed articles of incorporation for the Missouri Yenching Foundation. I have passed this copy on to Mr Garside and it will be mimeographed and circulated to the Executive Committee and just as soon as we get the formal approval of it word will be sent you. Mr Garside says that it will probably be two weeks before he can get the Executive Committee together since they have just met a couple of days ago.

I wonder if it would not simplify matters to make you both Secretary and Treasurer or to put the treasurer of our Board of Trustees as Treasurer? I hope we will handle a lot of money and it would be best to use some of the facilities for this already existing.

I trust that you may be able to get a gift from the Press Congress of the World. I hope also that My Meyer will give us a nice gift. He talked as if he would though he made no promise. He asked for a little time. There has been no further news from the field as to their campaign.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely,

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March 27th, 1934

Dear Dean Martin:-

I am sending you a copy of a letter which I wrote to Mr John A. Park of the Raleigh Times some time ago. I wonder if you have any contact with him or if some follow up of this might get him interested in our Journalism plans. I got no answer to my letter and it may be that he was disappointed at not getting into touch with Mr Barber in whose name the invitation was sent to him to join the Advisory Council.

Are you and Dr Williams coming over to that meeting of the Newspaper Publishers, April 23-27? We are thinking of some effort to get the newspaper men who might be interested in Yenching Journalism together for a luncheon. Let us know, please, whether we may expect you both and a brief talk from each of you to the guests.

No money has come in for Journalism. It looks pretty gloomy even for the small sum needed for Nash's salary.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

Dean Frank L. Martin,
School of Journalism,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Missouri.

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

March 31, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

I do not think at this time that it will be possible for either President Williams or myself to be in New York at the time of the meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association. President Williams has just returned to the University and again assumed his duties. I am scheduled to speak at a meeting of the Southwestern Journalism Conference to be held in Texas on April 21st. I am afraid that will preclude my being in New York.

I am planning to have a conference with President Williams early next week on Yenching affairs. Among other things which I shall take up with him, I shall ask him to send a letter to Mr. Eugene Meyer and to Mr. John A. Park. I shall also write each of them. Mr. Park is a good friend of ours here at the School of Journalism.

Has your Board of Directors taken any action yet on the proposed plan forwarded to you on the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation?

Another matter I expect to take up with President Williams will be the donation of \$500 from the Missouri Press Congress. I am hoping that I may succeed in getting this.

I have no recent news from China as to the progress of their campaign there.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 6, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

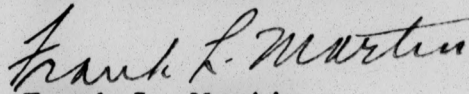
I suggest your having prepared in your office a letter which might be sent out again to the donors who still have unpaid pledges.

I have taken the matter up of a donation from the World Press Congress with President Robert Bell who lives in New Zealand. I have asked him to cable his approval. It will be a matter of some three weeks or more before I hear from him. This is necessary in order to get official action.

If possible, I would continue your efforts with Mr. Park and also with Mr. Meyer.

I hope you will advise me as soon as the Yenching Board has taken action upon the proposal for a corporation.

Very sincerely yours,



Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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April 12th, 1934

Dean Frank L. Martin,
School of Journalism,
University of Missouri,
Columbia,
Missouri.

Dear Dean Martin:-

I have held your letter of April 6th until Mr Hedrick came back as I wished to talk over with him the question of another mailing to those who have not yet paid their pledges.

He thinks that after this list has had the letter which you recently wrote that they are not likely to reply to one from our office here. I believe also that we have got about all we are going to get from that group now. We might try them out a little later if times improve.

The new list, numbered 4, in my letter of April 6th to you, is a far more promising one and I believe that we should follow this list up with a letter stating our case pretty fully, stressing the fact that the five year period has been carried through successfully and that for the future we need a much smaller sum and that we hope they will come to our rescue and keep the department going until we have a chance to try to get it on a firm foundation with this new Missouri Yenching Foundation. This letter might go out with the stationery of the Foundation and from you and Dr Williams, if you think the idea a good one. We can get the letters out here but would have to return them to you ^{red} there for signature, for we would like these to be as much personalized as possible.

Then following these letters it would be fine if we could see personally the more promising cases. I could see some of them around here and possibly you might see some of them in St Louis and Kansas City. I may be doing some travelling within the next two or three weeks and could make it a point to see any of the list that are within reasonable range of the places visited.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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May 2nd, 1934

Professor Frank L. Martin,
School of Journalism,
University of Missouri,
Columbia,
Missouri.

Dear Professor Martin:-

Yesterday afternoon I called upon Miss Bogue, Mrs Elmhirst's Secretary and adviser on her philanthropies. She gave me encouragement to put in a formal application for a grant and I am sending you with this a copy of the papers which have gone in already. I was just on the even of a trip out but postponed it for several hours in order to get off this application. I hope we will have some word soon as to whether or not we can hope for the \$1,000.

What do you think of the suggestion that you and Dr Williams join in an appeal to the whole list of givers who have paid up their pledges? This should give us some money and if the money asked for in my request comes then we might be able to assure Nash of his salary for next year. I would be glad to know just what you think of the present status of the situation.

Excuse this hurried note, I am just leaving the office and writing this myself.

Very sincerely,

N. Cist Gee.

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May 4, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

Handwritten: or 5/12/34
I have just received your letter telling me of the possibility of getting \$1000 from Mrs. Elmhirst. I sincerely hope that the attempt is successful. If we can help in any way toward that end here, please let us know. I am sure President Williams would be willing to write to her supplementing your plea.

Since his return to this country President Williams has not been in good health suffering temporarily from an attack of rheumatism. The result has been that I have had little opportunity to discuss at length the situation at Yenching University. In addition to that of course my duties here have prevented my doing anything of an outside nature. For at least six weeks I have worked night and day in connection with the convention next week of the National Editorial Association and our regular Journalism Week program.

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President Williams and I will be glad to join in an appeal to the whole list of givers who have paid up their pledges. I wonder if it would be possible for you to have the letter drawn in your office and forwarded to us. If so, we will have the typing and mailing all done here and sent out from Columbia.

From the limited conferences I have had with President Williams in regard to Yenching, we have not yet found any solution beyond what you and your office are already doing toward keeping the department alive and paying Nash's salary beyond the present year. President Williams does not feel that we could put on an intensive campaign such as Nash did when he was in this country, with any degree of success. We have of course no fund in connection with the University or our own department from which we could advance money. While I have had no reply to my request from President Bell of the World Press Congress at Australia, it does not seem likely that he will feel it wise to take \$500 from the limited funds of that organization to turn over to Yenching. President Williams says that he feels

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President Bell will believe all that money will be necessary toward the promotion of the 1935 meeting of the World Press Congress.

Do you have any late information as to the success of the movement to get money in China ?

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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YENCHING

May 17, 1934

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Dean Frank L. Martin
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

My dear Dean Martin:

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Yenching Trustees a report was made of the developments during the past year in the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation. Our Yenching Board of Trustees are very much gratified that this development has taken place and hope that it may soon be possible to enlist the additional support that must be found if the work in Journalism at Yenching is to go forward.

There is one point which the Yenching Trustees feel should be made clear in fairness to our understanding with the other Universities and Colleges cooperating in the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. This is set forth in an action adopted by the Trustees at their Annual Meeting in which they give their cordial endorsement to the action of the Executive Committee approving the proposed form of the application for incorporation of the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation, but with the understanding "that the location of the Yenching School of Journalism is still subject to further study in connection with the Correlated Program for Christian Higher Education in China."

You have already talked with President Herman Liu and are familiar with the work being done in Shanghai in the field of journalism. Such questions as whether or not we should have work in journalism both in Peiping and in Shanghai have not yet been settled. Much will depend upon the popularity of this work and the amount of support we can secure for it. Of course, it is obvious that the more successful the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation becomes in securing support for the present work at Yenching the less likelihood there will be of any shift in the location of this work. Our Yenching Trustees are merely anxious that we all have a clear understanding that such considerations as these are still pending.

Very cordially yours,

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May 22nd, 1934

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Dean Frank L. Martin,
School of Journalism,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Dean Martin:-

The following amateur radio message came this morning
from Dr Stuart in Peiping:-

"Consult President Maurer, Beloit College, regarding further
approach Mrs Walter Strong about Nash salary next year. Would pre-
sentation by President Williams be helpful?"

Miss McCoy is out of the office to-day and I cannot
find anything about this in the correspondence that I can locate.
I wonder if you happen to have any information on the subject.
It would certainly be most desirable to have President Williams
take the matter up with Mrs Strong if there is any possibility of
getting support there. You may already have the contact. I do not
find her name in our Journalism lists. I shall take this up
again with Miss McCoy just as soon as she gets back in the office.
I hope that she will be back by to-morrow.

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I have been away a good deal lately seeing if it were
possible to get a little money for the University. People are
sympathetic but are not giving away any money now so far as I can
find them.

You got the letter and the lists some time ago, did
you not? I wonder if the letter has gone out to those who paid
their pledges. This should let us get some replies soon which will
indicate something of their attitude to Journalism. We certainly
should have some word to send Nash soon. Nothing has come from my
application to Mrs Elmhirst. I hope we may get a reply of some kind
within the next few days. Just as soon as I hear I shall communicate
with you.

Very sincerely,

M. Cist Gee.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 26, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

I have your letter of May 22nd.
I regret that I have been delayed in answering
your letter since my return to Columbia from
Indiana and other places I visited in the East
and have had no opportunity to reply to your
other communications before this.

As soon as you can get me any infor-
mation on the relationship of President Mauer
of Beloit College to Mrs. Walter Strong's donation,
I would be glad if you would send it to me. I
can then take it up with President Williams and
consult him in reference to writing President
Mauer.

I forwarded to you yesterday a small
check which came from one of the donors on his
unpaid pledge.

I will write you again Monday or Tuesday
and hope within that time to have some more in-
formation regarding Dr. Stewart's radio message.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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May 28th, 1934

Dear Dean Martin:-

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x to Vernon Nash

We have been running down everything we could in our files relating to the connection between President Maurer of Beloit and Mrs Walter Strong. There is no special value that I can see - it seems that Dr Lucius Porter and Mr Strong were class mates at Beloit and that Dr Stuart or Nash hoped to use this to bring to bear upon Mrs Strong the college influence of the President of Mr Strong's Alma Mater to try to get this assistance. These are the facts so far as I can find and you can judge whether it is better to try this method or to have the more direct approach of President Williams to Mrs Strong. I certainly hope that she will be able to give us something toward the salary for Nash.

There has been no word from Mrs Elshirst as yet.

The check which you sent has been received and I have sent a receipt to the donor.

I hope that the form letter which you are getting out to the past givers to Journalism will bring in some good returns. I guess that has gone out already, has it not?

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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May 31, 1934

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am sorry I have been delayed in replying to your letter of May 17 telling me of the action of the Yenching trustees in regard to the incorporation of the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation. Before proceeding with actual incorporation, I wish to know whether or not it is your desire or the desire of the board that the understanding you speak of "That the location of the Yenching School of Journalism is still subject to further study in connection with the Correlated Program for Christian Higher Education in China" be included in the article of incorporation.

I certainly subscribe to the understanding and I am sure that the Board set up by the corporation does also.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 31, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Gee:

Replying again to your letter of May 22 and also of May 28, I have just consulted President Williams in regard to urging Mrs. Walter Strong to underwrite the Nash salary.

In accordance with his instructions, I am writing a letter to Mrs. Strong urging that this be done and am sending it over to Mr. Williams for his signature. Assuming that he will approve this letter, it will be forwarded immediately.

Both of us agree that it would not be worth while to write to President Mower of Beloit College. There is a peculiar situation in the relations of the Strong's to Beloit which I might tell you about sometime.

If Dr. Lucius Porter has not already done so, would it not be worthwhile to have him cable Mrs. Strong regarding this matter?

I feel you will think I have neglected Yenching matters, but the truth is I have been extremely busy and away from the office much of the time during recent weeks in connection with university matters. I am leaving again this afternoon, returning, however, Monday.

I neglected to state that I am also writing a letter to Mrs. Elmhirst over President William's signature regarding her prospective subscription.

Best personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Frank L. Martin

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

June 9, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I have delayed answering your letter of
June 5 because of the pressure of other work.

I do not know of more we can do in connec-
tion with the guaranteeing of Mr. Nash's salary.

I have sent urgent letters as previously
stated to Mrs. Elmhirst and Mrs. Strong. Part of
the letters to the donors have gone, but not all of
them.

I have had several consultations personally
with men who I thought might be interested but as yet
have nothing tangible in the way of financial aid.

I have held up actual incorporation of the
Yenching-Missouri Journalism Foundation because of a
letter I have had from Mr. Garside in which he states
that the trustees have agreed to the Foundation set-up
with the understanding "That the location of the Yen-
ching School of Journalism is still subject to further
study in connection with the correlated program for
Christian Higher Education in China."

As I have written him, we are in thorough
accord with that but I don't know whether the trustees
desire it incorporated in the Foundation article³. I
will have to get word from you regarding that.

Have you heard any further word from Dr.
Stuart?

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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June 12, 1934

Prof.
Dean Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

My dear Mr. Martin:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 31st. I am sorry that pressure of other matters has delayed me in writing to you.

Whether or not the statement which the Yenching Trustees made, that "the location of the Yenching School of Journalism is still subject to further study in connection with the correlated program for Christian higher education in China" is to be included in the articles of incorporation of the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation is a matter we will leave entirely to your judgment. The Yenching Trustees did not express any opinion on this point, and I am sure that they would not care to do so. If it would be simpler to carry through the incorporation without any reference to this matter, by all means proceed along those lines. If, on the other hand, it would not delay or complicate the process to include some such phraseology as that called for above, there would be no harm in doing so, as a means of providing for future eventualities. In any event the incorporation could probably be carried through in such a manner as to provide some flexibility as to the future location of the work in Journalism supported by the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation. For example some of the charters granted to our China Colleges authorize a Board of Trustees to carry on work "in Peiping, or elsewhere in China", or some similar phraseology.

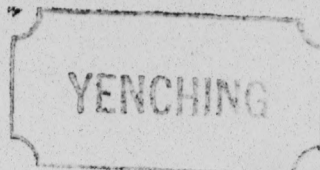
Very cordially yours,

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June 14, 1934

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Associated Boards,
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Following receipt of your letter
of June 12 we are proceeding with the incor-
poration of the Missouri-Yenching Foundation.
I will notify you when the court has granted
the articles of incorporation and when they
have been accepted by the Secretary of State.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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June 20, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I have gone carefully over the situation in regard to the continuance of the Department of Journalism for the forthcoming year and would like to make officially to you and through you to President Stuart these recommendations.

That in the event a sufficient amount of money has been obtained on the field to make it possible that all technical courses in journalism at Yenching be abandoned for a period of one year.

That Professor Nash alone be retained of the present faculty to give one or more courses of a general character on the profession of journalism and to do whatever necessary work in the form of advertising and publicity for the university as the administration may desire; that compensation for such services come from whatever funds have been collected in the field, from the residue, if any, of unpaid pledges now on hand, or which may be collected during the forthcoming year, and whatever supplementary funds Yenching University may be able to provide in return for Professor Nash's general work for the university in the field of advertising and publicity.

That for the coming year the effort to procure support for the Department of Journalism shall be continued in the hope that a full program of journalism instruction may be resumed in the fall of 1935

I make this recommendation to you, hoping that it is feasible, rather than to President Stuart for this reason, I hesitate to assume official authority since the Missouri-Yenching Foundation has not yet been officially incorporated nor has there yet been a meeting of the trustees provided in that foundation. It seems, therefore, that I can go no further than to make a recommendation.

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You will note that my plan is not to abandon wholly at this time instruction in journalism at the university. I sincerely hope there will be available by next fall some funds from Chinese solicitation, that there will be some balance at the close of the present school year and that the administration of Yenching can see fit to pay from its general budget some amount for services to be rendered by Professor Nash to the university as a whole.

I am forwarding this week to your office a check for one hundred dollars (\$100) in payment for the one hundred dollars advanced by the Department of Journalism at Yenching for passage for the exchange scholar, Mr. T'ang, who was here in 1932-33. I am notifying the Yenching office of this payment.

May I suggest, if you approve of this letter of mine, that you send by amateur wireless a note to President Stuart advising him that this suggestion is going forward by letter immediately? If the recommendation does not meet with your approval, then I suggest your sending a wireless stating definitely that we have not been able to provide for the services of Mr. Nash for the coming year.

I hope you will notify me of your action in regard to this immediately upon receipt of this letter.

Have you heard anything in regard to Mrs. Strong?

There still seems to be some hope later in the year of getting a contribution from Mrs. Elmhirst who might respond to personal solicitation. Her committee seems sympathetic.

I have not sent a copy of this letter to Professor Nash. I should like to have your approval, however, to do so in order that he may be fully acquainted with the situation.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
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June 27, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I thank you for sending me the copy of the statement of the Council of Higher Education submitted to Dr. Stuart. I previously received the statement, together with Dr. Stuart's reply, direct from Yenching.

Since the matter is one primarily of University policy, I do not think the matter could be given consideration by the Missouri-Yenching Foundation until the general plan has been approved by the Board of Trustees of Yenching.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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June 27, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Dr. Gee:

Following receipt of your letter of
June 22, I have today sent by deferred cable
from this office the following cablegram:

Yenta, Peking.
Recommend Nash return. Salary
guarantee impossible.

I am confirming this by letter to
Dr. Stuart and to Mr. Nash. I am hopeful,
as you suggest in your letter, that upon
Mr. Nash's return we may be able by some
means to have him devote his energy, for a
limited time at least, to an attempt to
raise sufficient funds to return him to the
field later.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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July 5, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I have your letter of July 2 and July 3.
Replying to the former, we will complete the organi-
zation of the Missouri-Yenching Foundation immediately.

In reference to the cable from Yenching
stating that Nash of the Department of Journalism
would be maintained pending final decisions, do you
interpret that to mean that an attempt will be made to
keep the department running during the coming year?
I take it the cable was sent following the receipt of
my cable stating we could not guarantee Nash's salary
and recommending his return.

I shall do everything I can in collecting
from the unpaid donors. I am thinking of sending a
personal note to each in addition to what we have
already done. I think the most hope, however, for
any large amount lies with the Elmhirst fund.

You will please find enclosed a check for
\$100 completing payment of the \$600 cash scholarship
of Mr. T. C. T'ang. As I have previously written, this
\$100 was borrowed in advance from the Department of
Journalism by Mr. T'ang in order to pay his passage to
America. We paid Mr. T'ang \$500 of his \$600 scholar-
ship fund, withholding \$100 which we are using to repay
to the department the advance made. Will you please
turn the check over to the proper persons?

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

July 30, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Dr. Gee:

You will please find enclosed a copy of the incorporation papers for the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation for your signature. I will appreciate it if, after signing the document, you immediately return it to me in order that I may forward it to the other members of the Board for their signatures.

As previously stated, no member of the Board is assuming any financial obligation and it is expected there will be no meetings of the Board for an effort to carry on the necessary work of the Department of Journalism of an advisory character by correspondence. Signatures of the Board are necessary to the Articles of Incorporation in order to get a pro forma decree from the courts.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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