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August 14, 1934.

Dr. N. Gist Gee,
Yenching University,
150 5th Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I want you to know Mr. George Kao who will be in New York City during the coming year as a student at Columbia University. Mr. Kao is a graduate of the Yenching University where he majored in journalism. He came to us last year from Yenching as an Honorary Exchange scholar and has completed his work here for the M A degree in journalism. He is one of the finest students we have ever had from China and made a most excellent record here. We are proud of him.

Mr. Kao is very much interested in Yenching and particularly, of course, in the department of journalism. He is willing to help in every way possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin,
Associate Dean.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

August 30, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Gee:

I thank you for sending me a copy of
the letter you have received from Miss Anna
Bogue. It is to be regretted that no contribution
could be made by Mrs. Elmhirst.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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September 11, 1934

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

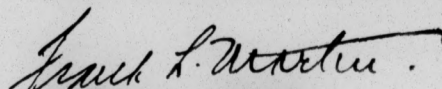
Dear Dr. Gee:

Your letter of September 7 regarding the possibility of a gift from Mrs. Walter Strong reached me today. In view of what Dr. Porter states, I am inclined to think that the approach to Mrs. Strong should be made as soon as possible. Do you not think it worth an individual trip to Wisconsin on your part at this time? Nothing in connection with my work will take me to that part of the country I know, and a trip from this part will be as expensive as one from New York. In addition, I think you are much more capable of handling the matter.

Just now, of course, I am swamped with details of the opening of school. For some reason, also, the task of obtaining signatures to the Missouri-Yenching incorporation papers has been delayed. These papers are in the hands of Mr. Marcellus Foster of Houston, Texas, and they have not yet been returned. I am writing a letter today to trace them.

Please advise me of your decision regarding Mrs. Strong. With best personal regards,
I am

Very sincerely yours,


Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

September 14, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Gee:

Your letter of September 10 enclosing your correspondence with Mr. Nash reached me today. I am still in the midst of the duties of the opening of school and at the same time trying to carry on promotion work of the Press Congress of the World meeting in Melbourne, Australia, next March. I shall write to Mr. Nash in the next few days and I plan also to write a letter to the Young Marshal.

There will be no charge for the folders sent you. I have assumed that charge here against our own School of Journalism.

I have heard nothing further in regard to my proposal to approach Mr. Daugherty. I am writing again to Mr. Dickey about it.

Naturally, I was very delighted to read in Mr. Nash's letter of the progress of the work in China. He had previously written me about Missouri-Yenching contributions.

I hope you can get out west to attempt something about a contribution from Mrs. Strong.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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September 17, 1934

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

Dear Dean Martin:

This will acknowledge receipt of two of your letters dated September 11 and 14th.

I am sending a letter to President Maurer of Bellet to get his opinion of the possibilities of securing aid from Mrs. Walter Strong at the present time and when I have had a communication from him I shall then write you again concerning my plans. As far as the time is concerned I could go now but our promotion funds are so low that I dare not make such a trip unless there is a good deal of promise of a gift from Mrs. Strong now. After all it may be wisest to delay this visit to Mrs. Strong until I am in that region for some other purpose. We expect to have the Associated Boards meetings in that region during the winter and I also expect to go to the West Coast next spring. If conditions improve I think Mrs. Strong would be more apt to make us a gift and for this reason it may be wise to wait for a time.

I am glad to learn that the Missouri-Yenching incorporation is going forward and when that is completed I shall be glad to transmit the report to the Board of Trustees. Doubtless you will wish to write them a letter.

I am glad you have written to Marshall Chang Hsueh Liang. I am sure he will appreciate the letter and it may encourage him to continue his gift over even a longer period.

We wish to express our hearty appreciation of your gift of the folders. This will help us out just that much!

I trust you will follow up the approach to Mr. Daughtery. It may be possible that I can be of some help there also on some of my trips. If you have an approach, however, and can follow it up please do so.

Did you ever send out an appeal letter to all of our contributors who paid their pledges? We discussed this but I do not recall that we ever had any reply and I am wondering if this was done. What do you think about the wisdom

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of repeating such an appeal in the light of present conditions. Has business in the business world picked enough to warrant hope for returns from such an appeal?

Nash's letter was encouraging and Dr. Stuart has just written us of a gift of \$60,000 from the Chinese Government and also a grant of \$45,000 from the British Boxer Indemnity Board of Trustees, all local currency, the latter for some special work in Ceramics to be done by Professor E. O. Wilson who is now in this country doing some special work at M.I.T.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
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September 19, 1934

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

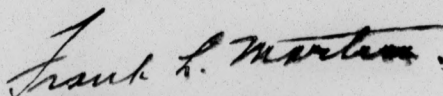
Dear Dr. Gee:

I have your letter of September 17. I have not written a second letter of appeal to contributors who have paid journalism pledges. You will recall that one such letter was sent out but I did not follow it up. I doubt very much the wisdom of doing that. From time to time I expect to single out persons and write to them asking for funds. I have written to Mr. Laurence Dickey asking him if he would aid me in soliciting funds from Mr. Doherty. This attempt will be followed by others.

The official publication of the American Society of Newspaper Editors recently contained a statement from Professor Nash on the situation of the department. I wrote to the editor thanking him for using the material and I hope it may pave the way for our solicitation of various newspapers belonging to that organization.

I have written to Marshall Chang expressing my appreciation for his generous gift to the Department.

Very sincerely yours,



Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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September 22, 1934

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

Dear Dean Martin:

Your letter of September 19th came yesterday. This morning's mail brought a letter from President Maurer, a copy of which I am sending you for your files. It would seem wise under the conditions indicated in President Maurer's letter to delay approaching Mrs. Strong until sometime in the winter.

I hope your approach to Mr. Doherty through Mr. Dickey will be successful. Next winter or spring I shall hope to repeat my trip through the West and at that time possible I can be of some service in this connection.

I am glad to know that Professor Nash's article has been published in the official publication of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. All such publicity is most helpful. Anything you run across of this kind which you do not care for for your own files we would be very glad to have clipped for us.

We have been thinking here of getting out a brief article on Yenching University to the newspapers all over the country and listing in this connection our various Advisory Council members in the states or in the large cities concerned. We would be glad to have any suggestions from you as to a method of handling such a statement. Would it be wise to send it out ahead and hold it for release to the same date all over the country or would it be better to vary the article somewhat in various portions of the country and release it say in the East, the Middle West and the Far West at different times?

I am sure your letter to Marshall Chang will be much appreciated by him.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely,

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H. Gist Gee

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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

September 24, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Gee:

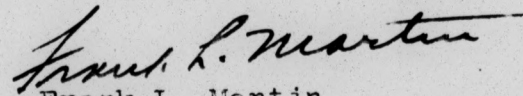
Your letter of September 20 reached me today.

In view of Dr. Maurer's letter, I think you are quite right in delaying your conference with Mrs. Strong until later in the year. Still I have no word from Mr. Dickey in regard to Mr. Doherty.

In reference to your article on Yenching University, I would release it in every section of the country at the same time, setting the release date some days ahead of the time you expect the article to reach the publishers. I should like to suggest also that some one from your office submit a copy to the New York offices of the United Press, the Associated Press, and the International News Service. They might consider the announcement worth while for carrying on the wire service, but if not by wire then in their mail service. At the United Press offices, I would see Mr. Bailey, and in the other two offices, I can not give you names, but suggest their news editors.

Enclosed is a news sheet taken from the bulletin of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, in which will be found a short letter of mine expressing our appreciation for their previous publication of an article about the Department of Journalism at Yenching University.

Very sincerely yours,


Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean,

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

YENCHING

September 27, 1934

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Mr. B.A. Garside
150 5th Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

I would appreciate your writing me whether or not the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges of China have taken any action in regard to the location of instruction in journalism in China. I have not had the opportunity, due to the pressure of other work in connection with our own school here and the Press Congress of the World Meeting, which I am arranging, to take up this matter with you before.

You will recall that in my previous correspondence with you I stated that the Missouri-Yenching Foundation was not in favor of a transfer of the department of journalism to any other institution. The matter of location has been admirably presented by Professor Nash in the printed pamphlet entitled, "Concerning the Best Location in China for a School of Journalism." In the absence of any good argument to the contrary the Foundation feels that instruction should be carried on at Yenching along the lines already instituted.

I should like to have you also give me information on the financial situation regarding the Department of Journalism at Yenching, this information to contain in summary form the following items:

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no budget feed is paying Mr. Nash's salary
- 1556.20 (a) Total amount on hand at start of current fiscal year.
(b) The total budget for the year.
(c) Amount of unpaid pledges.
(d) Amount pledged from Chinese sources.
(e) Amount in reserve for traveling expenses of Professor Nash and family to this country.

nothing set aside as reserve for Nash travel - holding what we have now toward this

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The Missouri-Yenching Foundation will continue of course its efforts to secure American financial support during the year. I am firmly of the belief, however, that if satisfactory arrangements can be made for Mr. Nash and also his family and if he finds it advisable to return to this country at the end of the first semester and devote his time exclusively to a campaign in America for funds, such a plan is most advisable.

I am suggesting this on the basis that plans can be made to carry on the work in skeleton form at least the second semester without the aid of Professor Nash, that his salary will go on for the second semester as already designated, and that from some source we can arrange for his necessary traveling expenses in conducting this campaign. This expense need not be great for the reason that I feel it would best be centered now on the East because of the industrial and financial situation there.

This suggestion in regard to Mr. Nash's return has previously been made by me in a letter to Dr. Stuart and also in a letter to Mr. Nash himself.

I will appreciate your sending me the information requested at your earliest convenience. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Nash and also to Dr. Stuart and Dr. Gee.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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September 27, 1934

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I am enclosing a letter I have just written to Mr. Garside, which is I think self-explanatory. It has been necessary for the last six weeks for me to devote my entire attention to the affairs of this school and also to the Press Congress of the World, and I am afraid I have not contributed to the solution of the Yenching problem.

I have kept in touch, however, with Dr. Gee, and I have come to the very definite conclusion that without the services of some individual worker in the field we will not succeed in getting American financial support. I am not willing however to give up, and I hope that the suggested arrangement for Dr. Nash, who has both the ability and the knowledge to conduct this personal campaign, can be carried out.

Dr. Williams' health is still critical. As you know, he has just been forced to give up the presidency of our university, and I am afraid that for a considerable time at least we can not expect an active ~~interest~~ aid from him. This, of course, has added an additional burden on me and my work here.

I am preparing a letter today to be mailed to each of the trustees of the Missouri-Yenching Foundation setting forth the problem we have with the Yenching department of journalism and asking each for advice and suggestions. If I can not get definite results by correspondence, I plan to call a meeting of those within

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reach in the East and hold a conference with Dr. Gee and others.

With every good wish to you and all my friends on the Yenching campus, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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September 28, 1934

Dean Frank L. Martin
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Dean Martin:

Thank you for your letter of September 24th which reached us yesterday. I shall approach the news services suggested by you and see what the possibilities are in connection with getting them to handle our news note relating to our Advisory Council. This is a good suggestion, but possibly our note is too long and a bit too varied for the several states since the names will have to be adjusted in every case.

We appreciate your sending us the sheet from the ASNE bulletin. We are glad to have this for our files and would appreciate having any clippings in which Yenching is mentioned which may happen to come under your observation. Possibly your secretary would be willing to clip items of this kind for us.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

NGG:HW

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November 2, 1934.

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

My dear Dean Martin:

Vernon Nash and I have discussed the proposal made by yourself in recent letters that he return to the States after New Year and work on the financial campaign for the Department. There is much to commend this course and we have given it serious thought.

On the other hand, all the news that reaches me is to the effect that the actual benefits of recovery are not yet showing themselves sufficiently to encourage much hope of contributions to a cause outside of the United States. The Department is going very well here and the loss of one full-time member would have a serious effect both on the efficiency of classroom and practice work, and on the morale of the large and expectant group of students. Hubert Liang has been doing excellent work in raising money from Chinese sources and ought to be free during the spring semester for further efforts in this regard, which would be almost impossible if Nash were away.

Considerations such as these weigh heavily upon both of us. It is of course urgently desirable to get the Department on a more stable financial basis, and I see very little likelihood of this unless our western member and a proportionate share of the working budget are secured from abroad. The University finances do not permit any substantial assistance, and it is only because of our eager desire to keep the Department going and our appreciation of its worth that the administrative officers have been induced to underwrite the budget for this year, with what is to us a fairly large item held in suspense and the possibility of even more serious charges against our reduced income.

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Dean Frank L. Martin

November 2, 1934

On the whole, however, I am inclined to recommend that Nash stay here through this session and help put the Department on the strongest possible academic basis, while Liang's abilities are being exerted both in this matter and in that of securing Chinese support that will help us through next year. Nash would expect to leave next summer for a long-term stay in the States and secure funds over a period of years, or wherever possible on an endowment basis. I venture to hope that with the growing realization in China of the importance of more adequate publicity abroad and a similar realization in the States of the significance of intelligent Chinese-American good-will and cooperative undertakings, this Department can make a case on both counts that will ensure provision at least for its minimum requirements. The chief problem is therefore in the immediate future.

While we all recognize the special advantages that Nash would have in coming fresh from China, in having this cause passionately upon his heart and in being able to talk the language of newspaper men, would it not be possible for Dr. Gee - with such advice and introduction as Dean Williams and yourself could give - to undertake something of what Nash would be doing were he to make the contemplated effort this spring? In addition to the limitations mentioned above, Dr. Gee would of course have other aspects of University need to care for. He is, however, keenly interested in this undertaking and has his own special qualifications. I am sending him a copy of this letter and shall await further advice from both of you. We shall tentatively plan to have Nash stay here, but are ready to leave the final decision to the Missouri-Yenching Trustees.

Let me assure you again of my deep gratitude for the active interest Dean Williams and yourself continue to take in this project, despite what I know must be very pressing and perplexing problems of your own.

Very sincerely yours,

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November 13, 1934

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Dean Frank L. Martin
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

My dear Dean Martin:

I should have acknowledged long ago your letter of September 27th asking for information as to the attitude of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China with regard to the location of instruction of Journalism in China. My failure to write earlier has been due to the fact that we had not heretofore been able to secure a meeting of our Associated Boards Executive Committee to deal with this question. The matter has now been brought to the attention of the Committee at its meeting held on November 9th. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the minutes of that meeting and have blue pencilled the section dealing with this matter. You will note that the Executive Committee has re-affirmed the policy consistently followed by the Associated Boards in the past - that of looking to the Council of Higher Education in Shanghai to take the lead in these questions and to submit its recommendations. The latest action of the Council of Higher Education on this matter of Journalism calls for consultation between the Council of Higher Education, the University of Shanghai and Yenching University with regard to the matter. The Associated Boards approved this procedure and asked the Council to inform us of the results of these consultations. For us to step into the picture now and to take up the question in North America without having had any word from the Council would be a very unfortunate move, and it would injure the cordiality of our relationship with the Council and would set an extremely bad precedent of having individual institutions going over or around the Council to present their problems direct to a group here in New York which recognized its own inability to deal wisely with what are essentially field problems.

I give below the detailed information you asked for with regard to the financial status of our Journalism account, so far as this is available in our office.

(a) Total amount on hand at start of current fiscal year.
July 1st,\$ 1,556.20
Received during current year..... 15.00
\$ 1571.20

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(b) The total budget for the year. We do not have this figure available.

(c) Amount of unpaid pledges. This amount of unpaid pledges is \$5,095. (These are all long past due and every effort has been made to collect. We do not think 10% will be collected).

(d) Amount pledged from Chinese sources. We do not have this figure available.

(e) Amount in reserve for traveling expenses of Professor Nash and family to this country. Nothing has been set aside as a reserve in addition to that shown in item (a) above. We were told by the field to reserve the amount in (a) against Mr. Nash's return.

I note that you sent Dr. Gee a copy of your letter to me so I will leave it to him to comment on your suggestion as to the desirability of having Mr. Nash come to America to devote himself to a campaign for funds for Journalism.

Very cordially yours,

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Copies sent to:

Dr. Gee
Dr. Stuart

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping, China

Department of Journalism

Dec. 11, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Martin:

Yesterday I sent to you by amateur radio
the following message:

AUTHORITIES FEEL IMPERATIVE HAVE FULL TIME EXPER-
IENCED SUBSTITUTE IF I COME STOP PREFER AMERICAN VISITING PROF-
ESSOR HOPE FOR MISSOURIAN IF NO PROSPECT PLEASE MAKE INQUIRIES
CHICAGO STOP YENDHING COULD SUPPLY FURNISHED HOUSE SUBSISTENCE
HONORARIUM CHRISTMAS GREETINGS ALL NASH

The decision to send this arose out of a long conference
by Dr. Stuart, Mr. Liang and myself. We feel very strongly that
it would be almost fatal to our undertaking in every respect if
we got caught short-handed again and the work should suffer in
every respect as severely as it did during the semester after you
left for home in the first half of 1933. One full time man of
professorial rank simply can not handle a department of more than
50 majors, even with considerable part-time help.

It is not possible for us to make any plans involving the
use of either Timperley or Snow. The future plans of both are
somewhat uncertain and at best they can only agree to help when
free. Each is liable to be ordered away from Peiping for lengthy
periods at any time. They are both cordially willing to help in
any way they can but it must necessarily be only supplementary as-
sistance.

We can of course obtain more or all of J.D. White's
time. He is doing a fine piece of work on the publications
this year but is not up to the handling of the advanced courses.
He might do them reasonably well but would find it difficult to
command sufficient respect in such work in view of his age and
limited experience. Chinese students, as you probably noticed,
are particularly sensitive to such prestige or its lack. Dr.
Lowenthal will not be available. No Chinese journalist is known who
could be obtained to fill the gap.

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Mr. Liang feels so strongly on this point that I feel sure that he would actually refuse to attempt to carry on without at least one full-time experienced associate. He urges rather strenuously that my return home be delayed until such a substitute is found. Dr. Stuart of course is eager for the permanent financing of the department and would therefore incline to favor my making the financial effort which you suggested as soon as possible.

Hence the message suggesting that you make it known among the teachers of journalism that we can provide living expenses here if a properly qualified person were interested to come out on a leave of absence or upon his sabbatical.

The readiness to suggest this additional expense, assuming that we would need to give a man here at least Chinese \$250 a month, arises from the rather more favorable financial situation at present. Our budget in round figures is \$15,000 Chinese dollars. We already have paid in almost \$10,000 from Chinese sources. Written pledges in hand payable by the end of the academic year total more than \$3,000. So that we feel altogether hopeful that we can balance our budget this year, even if no funds are obtained in America.

Towards next year's budget we have written pledges for about Chinese \$7,500. Stuart and Liang feel exceedingly hopeful concerning the prospects for the securing this year of a substantial start towards a permanent endowment fund from Chinese.

If I should come home on the basis that you there would undertake to raise sufficient funds to take care of the campaign expenses while the field would continue to assume responsibility for my salary, the budget would be sizably increased not only by payments to a substitute but also by the fact that I would undoubtedly be given at least a homeside furlough salary all in U.S. currency. This latter in terms of Chinese money would increase the budget by almost \$2,500. Dr. Stuart would probably be able to get approval of the Faculty Executive Committee for the guaranteeing of this amount only on the very definite expectation and hope that I would raise enough in small amounts, apart from large endowment gifts, to take care of all of my salary or at the least to make up the difference between the cost of my being here and there.

Arrangements would be not only much more simple but also much easier to secure approval for if the Foundation could secure or underwrite enough to take full responsibility for me while at home. The present approved university salary schedule calls for a salary of U.S. \$2,000, children's payments of \$400 each, rental payments of \$600 and the continuance of medical and half-dental payments. It is improbable that these would run to more than \$3,500. If one assumes that campaign expenses of all kinds could be kept within \$1,500, this would mean a total of \$5,000.

It would be permissible for this amount to be repaid out of the proceeds of the permanent funds but not out of principal. There would also be the problem of travel expenses back to the field at the end of the effort. I should therefore want to work continuously upon two projects, first to get large sums toward a permanent endowment and second to secure anything which could be obtained from interested persons to apply entirely toward immediate needs. While I would have some confidence that some or all of my salary and expenses could be obtained in this way it would not be possible for me personally to take the risk of failure. An underwriting of at least \$5,000 is therefore required before I start for home, either here or there or jointly.

Mr. Liang urges that so long as the prospects at home are uncertain at best and so long as all or almost all our necessary budget can be obtained on a year to year basis in China, with some possible help from America, that I should remain here concentrating upon an improvement and consolidation of our work academically and of our professional program. This plan would also leave him more free to do necessary financial and cultivation work in China.

The situation in every respect on the field continues to improve. This letter brings most cordial New Year Greetings to you and to all the others there.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Vernon Nash

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 12, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Gee:

I am writing to you, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri Yenching Journalism Foundation, to inform you that I have received from the Department of State of Missouri the pro forma decree of the incorporation of the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation.

You will recall a copy of the Articles of Incorporation was sent you during the current year for your signature. It is my purpose within the near future to draw up a suggested plan of procedure by means of which the Foundation may aid the Department of Journalism at Yenching University. This assistance and supervision of the Yenching Department, of course, was the purpose of the organization of the Foundation.

Before writing you my ideas in reference to the procedure as mentioned, I would in the meantime welcome any suggestions you would be willing to give me.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 17, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee
Vice-President Yenching University
150 5th Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

Today I received the following radiogram
from Mr. Nash:

AUTHORITIES FEEL IMPERATIVE HAVE FULL TIME EX-
PERIENCED SUBSTITUTE IF I COME. PREFER AMERICAN
VISITING PROFESSOR HOPE FOR MISSOURIAN IF NO
PROSPECT PLEASE MAKE INQUIRIES CHICAGO YENCHING
COULD SUPPLY FURNISHED HOUSE SUBSISTANCE HONOR-
ARIUM XMAS GREETINGS TO ALL

I immediately sent him the following reply:

RADIOGRAM RECEIVED. PRESUME YOU MEAN SUBSTITUTE
NEXT YEAR. WILL TRY TO ARRANGE. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

I am enclosing also a letter I have written
to Mr. Nash relative to this radiogram.

I will welcome any suggestion or information
you can give me in order that I may proceed in ac-
cordance with his request.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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YENCHING

December 17, 1934

Professor Vernon Nash
Department of Journalism
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Professor Nash:

Your radiogram received on the coast December 10 reached me today. I just forwarded to the Amateur station for reply the following:

RADIOGRAM RECEIVED. PRESUME YOU MEAN SUBSTITUTE NEXT YEAR. WILL TRY TO ARRANGE. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

Since I am leaving tomorrow to be gone a part of the time during the Christmas holidays I must go to Chicago immediately upon my return. I probably will not have an opportunity to do anything toward supplying a man for the department until after January 1.

As I interpret your radiogram in view of your recent letter and the letter I have had from Dr. Stuart you would like to have some one come from here to serve during the year 1935-36 while you are in this country.

I hope that I receive within due time a letter from you telling me more specifically what can be offered the man whom we may send. Our finances at the University are such that we could not take a man from our faculty and send him over there and provide his traveling and salary expenses during the time he is away. We have no funds to replace him here for necessary work. I could provide, however, an alumnus, such a man for instance as Frank H. Hedges who is with us at present reorganizing the Press Congress of the World. I think with the aid of the Missouri Yenching Foundation Trustees we should be able to raise enough money for his passage and if Hedges should be the man selected he should be given an opportunity to aid himself financially by serving American newspapers and magazines or in free lance writing. I take it in addition to his living expenses some money could be paid him by Yenching.

We have received from the Secretary of State the final authority to proceed with the Missouri Yenching Foundation. The Foundation has been granted its charter finally and I have written to each member of the Board of Trustees notifying them of this fact. I plan also to write a proposed ~~plan~~ of procedure within a few days looking toward an effort to get in some funds.

With best wishes, I am

Very hastily yours,

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Signed - Frank H. Hedges

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December 17, 1934

Professor Vernon Nash
Department of Journalism
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear Professor Nash:

Your radiogram received on the coast December 10 reached me today. I had forwarded the American edition for reply the following:

Since I am leaving tomorrow to go to a part of the time during the Christmas holidays I must go to Chicago immediately upon my return. I probably will not have an opportunity to do anything towards suggesting a man for the postmaster until after January 1.

An interesting letter in view of your recent letter and the letter I have had from Dr. Stuart you would like to have some one come from here to serve during the year 1935-36 while you are in this country.

I hope that I receive within the time a letter from you telling me more specifically what can be offered the man whom we may send. Our finances at the University are such that we could not take a man from our faculty and send him over there and provide his traveling and salary expenses during the time he is away. We have no funds to replace him here for necessary work. I could provide, however, an allowance, such as a man for instance as Frank H. Hedger who is with us at present reorganizing the Press Committee of the World. I think with the aid of the Yenching Foundation Trustees we should be able to raise enough money for his passage and if Hedger should be the man selected he should be given an opportunity to aid himself financially by serving American newspapers and magazines or in free lance writing. I take it in addition to his living expenses some money could be paid him by Yenching.

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With best wishes, I am
Very respectfully yours,

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December 21, 1934

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

Dear Dean Martin:

I wish to thank you for your letter of December 12th which I found on my desk when I returned from our series of conferences.

I am delighted that the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation incorporation has been passed through the Department of the State of Missouri and that you are now free to go ahead with the further development of plans. I have passed your letter on to Mr. Garside and he has noted it, and so far I have had no suggestions relative to any special items desired in the document which you plan to draw up. Personally, I would think that you and President Williams are in a better position to make the original draft of this than anyone else, and if you have made this, if you care for me to do so, I would be glad to take it up with other members of the Board of Trustees here. I am sure you will also wish to submit copies to Dr. Stuart and Mr. Nash of China.

With all good wishes for the Christmas and New Year season for you and your family, I am,

Very sincerely,

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H. Gist Gee

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January 7, 1935

Professor Vernon Nash
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Mr. Nash:

Your letter of December 11 written following your radio message reached me today. No doubt by this time you have received my reply to the radio message as well as my letter of more recent date.

As I get the situation, you plan to remain at Yenching until the end of the current academic year. If at that time we can guarantee a sufficient amount of money in this country, approximately \$5,000 with which to meet the expenses of your campaign and travel you would then come to this country and spend a year in work on a permanent endowment. In addition to that you would want someone from this country, preferably a graduate of this School to go to Yenching to be with the Department while you were in this country. This I think can be arranged but I am afraid we would have to raise additional money, certainly at least enough to insure the man from this side traveling expenses over and back.

I am trying to arrange now a trip to Washington and New York during February. If this can be done I shall notify all the members of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri Yenching Foundation in the East and hope to arrange a meeting for a conference there with Dr. Gee present. I shall keep you advised as to our progress.

I am sure you realize that the long looked for prosperity, generally speaking ~~on~~ in the newspaper publishing business has not arrived. This does not mean in any way, however, that there are not publishers in this country who have sufficient wealth and making such amount of money to give you the required sum in case we search them out and arouse their interest. This is what we hope to be able to do. I congratulate you and those of you in the field who have done so well toward raising funds in China. It has been a splendid work and I hope it can be continued.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 7, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Gee:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter
I have had from Professor Nash and a copy of
my reply.

I would be glad if you would write
to me your views on the subject and also what
you think of trying to arrange the meeting which
I speak of in my letter to Mr. Nash.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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January 11, 1935

Dean Frank L. Martin
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Dean Martin:

Thank you for your letter of January 7th which has just reached us.

When it comes to the question of making provision for as large a sum as \$5000.00 and more to have Mr. Nash return to the United States for a year, I must confess that I have grave doubts about our being able to raise that amount of money. Would it be necessary for Mr. Nash to bring his entire family back to America with him? If he were coming for one year it would be much more economical to have his family remain in Peiping so that just his transportation would have to be provided, in case he came.

You know the situation in the world of journalism here in America and are much better prepared to say than I am whether or not this is a proper time to approach them for additional aid. Our advisors here in New York do not encourage us to hope for gifts from the publishers of newspapers under present conditions.

My time has been tied up largely for about six months now with the Associated Boards' program and I have done very little personal solicitation. Just as soon as the present program is completed, toward the end of January, I shall start out in active solicitation of a number of our prospects. Our returns from mailed solicitations are rather disheartening.

I note your suggestion as to meeting of the various members of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri-Yenching Foundation. I would like very much to be able to be present at such a meeting, in case it is held, and I shall try to arrange my plans with that in view. Just now, so far as I know, I shall be in the New York office from about the 1st of February to the 11th, and after that date I will be out in the state of Pennsylvania for about a month. I might run in to a meeting if you thought it necessary.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely,

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Nathaniel Gist Gee

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September 24, 1935

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

My dear Dean Martin:

ack 8/9/35

In a recent letter from Dr. Stuart he mentions that he has written you suggesting the possibility that he might come to America within the near future to help, among other things, with our promotional efforts on behalf of Journalism.

What is your judgment as to this suggestion? We are always happy to have Dr. Stuart come to America as frequently as he can get away from the field and certainly his presence at this time would prove valuable in many ways. Our Yenching Trustees have not, however, given any serious thought during recent months to the possibility that Dr. Stuart might be coming to America this year, for they have been under the impression that the threat of disturbance in North China as a result of the coming in of the Japanese has created a situation where it would be unwise for President Stuart to leave the campus this year. This consideration has seemed the more weighty because Dr. Galt, who usually carries on in the absence of Dr. Stuart is in America on furlough this year. Also, the Trustees have considered that economic conditions in America are still quite unfavorable for securing any substantial amount of new money just now, and therefore it might be wiser for Dr. Stuart to wait until next autumn, when it is hoped that following the presidential election we might find a more favorable situation for carrying on our promotional work. But we know that conditions seemed to have improved decidedly in North China during the past months so it might be easier for Dr. Stuart to get away than we have thought possible. Also, we recognize the urgency of the financial problem in the department of Journalism.

We would welcome your comments and suggestions not only on this specific proposal concerning Dr. Stuart, but also on the whole question of our promotional work on behalf of Journalism. Are there any definite ways in which our Yenching Trustees can assist the Missouri-Yenching Foundation in your efforts in this field?

Very cordially yours,

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*Sent by Dr.
Martin
letter 9/26/35*

September 25, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Mr. Stuart:

Your cable concerning the exchange of Mrs. Walter Williams to Yenching University while Professor Nash comes to this country reached me last night. Today I sent you a cable in reply as attached to this letter. Mrs. Williams cannot be reached today, but I hope to see her tomorrow. I have had previous conversations with her regarding the possibility of her going to China. From these conversations I know she is quite willing to go and I think she would be willing to pay her own transportation if it were possible for her to get a teaching position as would enable her to live without expense while in the Orient, for at least one year. I know that her departure could not be immediate, but she could begin making her plans accordingly and I think without being able to consult here, that she could leave here in time to arrive there about February 1.

The reason I am suggesting this deal is that I should like to have a very definite plan in mind such as would not conflict with the University of Missouri in regard to a memorial foundation for Dean Williams, before Professor Nash returns to this country. The situation is this:

A few weeks ago the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri discussed and decided if possible to provide at the University of Missouri some fitting and comprehensive memorial to the late Dr. Williams. With this in mind the President of the Board of Curators is appointing this week a committee to consider plans for such a memorial. This committee, I think I can say unofficially will consist of the president of the University, the president of the Journalism Alumni, the dean of the School of Journalism, a member of the Board of Curators and president of the University Advisory Council and a representative of the Publishing Industry of the United States as well as the governor of the state.

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This committee, however, has not been announced and this is confidential.

As soon as announcement of the committee is made, which I hope will be within the next few days, I shall make every effort to have a meeting as soon as possible in order that definite plans for the University of Missouri memorial here may be outlined and decided upon. In the event that it takes the form of a Walter Williams Foundation with a view of establishing at this university a new chair in his memory, I feel that it would conflict with the plan suggested by Professor Nash, or at least in a way, would come in conflict with a certain proportion of the financial interests that both Yenching and the University of Missouri would like to reach.

As you know and as Professor Nash knows, we have often discussed, and with Dean Williams himself, the question of a foundation that would bear his name and which would have as its chief object, the advancement of education in Journalism in foreign countries, particularly at Yenching University in China. This new development here at the University for a memorial, however, if it takes the form I suggested it might take, could easily conflict with the plans of Yenching.

I expect to be able to talk with Mrs. Williams this week in reference to her going to China and will write you immediately thereafter. I am asking President F. A. Middlebush of our University, if he will call a meeting of the committee on the Walter Williams memorial and at this committee meeting, I plan to place before it the matter of a Missouri-Yenching Walter Williams Foundation.

I hope I make it clear why I am suggesting the delay for the present, since I do not want Professor Nash, of course, to come and be confronted with misunderstanding and I wanted him to know the action that has been taken here and the problems that must be solved both in relation to Yenching and the University of Missouri.

I think for the first time since my return from China, I can honestly report to you that conditions in this country are measurably better than at any time since my return. My impression was from some little traveling during the summer, and I feel that this is not merely spasmodic revival of business,

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but that the financial condition of the country is decidedly and perhaps permanently on an up turn. If this is true, the opportunity for raising money, it seems to me, ought to come in the near future.

I sincerely hope that this letter will not be interpreted as any indication of mine to forsake the interests of Yenching. It seems to me, however, the only practical thing to do for the immediate future is to attempt to work out a solution in the matter of a memorial foundation that will in the end benefit both institutions.

You will be interested to know, I think, that the new building which will be built for the School of Journalism here most probably will be named for Walter Williams and that, in addition to whatever is done by the University as a whole, by way of a memorial tribute, some smaller memorial will be placed on the campus by the alumni of the School of Journalism.

You may expect this letter to be followed by others in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Dean

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Sent by Dr.
Martin's let
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Martin, School Journalism
Columbia, Mo.

Nash prepared leave immediately provided Mrs. Williams can come soon. Remain at least through next calendar year. All eagerly welcome prospect her coming. Transfer his budget memorial organization frees funds for her relieves serious financial problem here. Realizing value immediacy memorial efforts also desirability get all possible done before political campaign ready make adjustments here. Interval wire.

Stuart

Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Suggest delay Mrs. Williams arrival until February 1. Willing stay calendar year. University curators here already started comprehensive Williams Memorial plans. Desire avoid conflict, writing details.

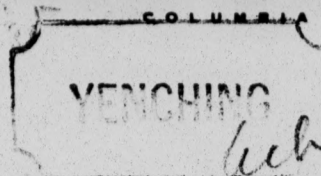
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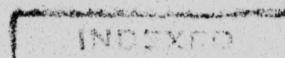
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI



SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

September 26, 1935

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



Dear Mr. Garside:

Replying to your letter of September 24, for your information I am inclosing copies of cablegrams exchanged with President Stuart this week and a copy of my letter to him in reference to the project for a Walter Williams Memorial Foundation to benefit the Department of Journalism at Yenching. It is true that in a letter some time ago, early in the summer, I believe, I took up the matter of the possibility of a trip to America by President Stuart in the belief that upon his arrival and after an investigation we could determine upon a definite program of raising funds for the journalism department. He seemed willing to come provided he thought conditions here were such as to warrant a financial campaign at this time and provided other matters of the University would benefit by his trip. This, however, was prior to the tense situation that has resulted in northern China as a result of Japan's control. He has not suggested his coming in any recent letter.

My own impression, as a result of having served on the Yenching campus during a time of tense excitement over Japan, is that his absence from the institution would not prove a great handicap unless, of course, conditions are much worse than I think they are.

The correspondence I am inclosing will indicate that his plan now is to have Mr. Nash come to this country and begin work upon a financial campaign and for us to send Mrs. Williams there to teach in his place. Mrs. Williams, as I state in my letter to Dr. Stuart, is quite willing to go, but I am not willing to have Mr. Nash come back without a full knowledge of the situation

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here at the University arising from the fact that a movement may result in relation to plans for a Walter Williams Memorial that would seriously conflict with the plans that Dr. Stuart and Mr. Nash have. As I also state in my letter I believe that conditions over the country have improved to such an extent that we would meet with success if we have a well organized plan of campaign among publishers and friends of Yenching for support of the Department of Journalism.

I was glad to hear from you again and would like to have your views as to the correspondence inclosed.

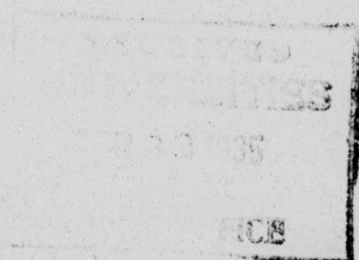
Very sincerely yours,

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Nov. 1, 1935.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
150 - 5th Ave., New York City.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I was agreeably surprised to receive your letter of Sept. 30 telling me that you would arrive in this country on Nov. 12 and proceed directly to New York City. Mrs. Walter Williams will leave Columbia tomorrow for New York City and will be there at the time of your arrival. I have given her the address of Yenching University in New York and she plans to call to see you to have a discussion of her plans to go to China. She is very desirous of making the trip and is willing, I believe, to remain a year and also desires to teach at Yenching if any means can be provided in the way of compensation.

You will be interested to know that the Walter Williams memorial committee appointed by the president of the board of curators of our university, of which I was made chairman, had its initial meeting on Oct. 29. At this meeting, only an informal discussion of the whole matter of a memorial took place and another meeting has been called for Nov. 23. This committee includes the governor of the state, the president of our university, the president of the advisory council of the university, the president of the Missouri alumni association, a member of our board of curators and Mr. James Wright Brown of New York City, representing the publishers.

The committee undoubtedly plans to go ahead with a major memorial project for Dean Williams at this university. Just what form it will take, I cannot state at this time and the matter rests on this condition: if the committee decides upon an endowed chair to be known as the Walter Williams chair of journalism, it is estimated that \$100,000 would be the required amount to be subscribed in a campaign among the friends of Dr. Williams in this and other countries. If the opinion of the members of the committee at its next meeting on Nov. 23 is that this amount or any large proportion of it can be raised, I believe that the memorial will take that form.

In accordance with my letter which you may or may not have received before your departure from China, it would seem that this would preclude a memorial campaign at least directly for the benefit of Yenching, although such a campaign might be put on now or later on behalf of a general international project which Professor Nash has probably outlined to you.

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Dr. J. L. Stuart.....

I wanted you to have this information upon your arrival in New York City. I shall probably write you again before your arrival.

We are happy that you are back in America again and of course we want you to visit the University of Missouri. Certainly I want to have an opportunity to have a conference with you. I plan to leave here for Washington, D. C. immediately after Christmas; and, after a meeting there of the American Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism, of which I am president this year, I plan to go to New York for a few days.

Most sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Dean

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YENCHING

November 5, 1935

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

My dear Dean Martin:

I am very slow in acknowledging the letter you wrote on September 26th. This has been due largely to the fact that our plans here have been in a state of development since we learned that Dr. Stuart was planning to come to America this fall. We are awaiting his arrival before trying to reach any definite decisions as to just what activities we should undertake in the field of Journalism during the coming months.

We are all delighted that there seems such a good prospect that Mrs. Williams will be able to spend a year at Yenching. The possibility of Mr. Nash coming to America during the near future has not been very fully discussed in any correspondence we have had from Peiping, so we will probably have to wait for Dr. Stuart's arrival before finding out just exactly how that proposal now stands.

I am sending along with a batch of mail which Dr. Stuart will receive upon landing in Seattle the letter addressed to him which we received from your office this morning.

Very cordially yours,

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November 21, 1935

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

My dear Dean Martin:

Since arriving here, I have found your letter, had two visits with Mrs. Williams, and a conference with Mr. James W. Brown. These two will doubtless report the substance of our discussions. I earnestly hope that the Missouri-Yenching Trustees will find it possible to approve of Mrs. Williams' visit to Yenching for the spring semester. She is willing to take the risk of advancing the local expense, which we assume to be about \$300, if that would be made a first charge against American income for the department.

My impression is that her going out there would dramatize the situation and her reports from the place after arrival there would be the best sort of publicity. It could therefore be treated as part of the promotional cost. If, either under the auspices of the memorial movement or the Missouri-Yenching Board, it seems advisable to start an effort while I am in the country, I shall give all the time possible to it. I am so keenly interested in this project and so confident of its significance that I am willing to put aside what might be regarded as more immediate administrative responsibilities. Mr. Brown has kindly offered to communicate with me on his return so that I shall learn through him what the decisions are.

With best wishes in your own exceedingly heavy responsibilities,

Very sincerely yours,

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

November 25, 1935

President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I am delighted to hear from you and to know that you are back in this country. As I stated in my previous letter I sincerely hope we will have the pleasure of a visit with you here at the University of Missouri. In any event, I plan to be east shortly after the first of January. I had hoped that you would still be in this country at that time.

I am inclosing a letter which I have just written to Mr. James Wright Brown. As that letter indicates I am quite willing that the Missouri-Yenching trustees meet the condition stipulated in regard to making the sum of \$300 or thereabouts payable to Mrs. Williams and to be a first charge against the American income for the department. You will notice that I suggest to Mr. Brown that I canvass the members of the board on this point.

I also agree that Mrs. Williams' visit to Yenching would be of value, both because of her teaching and because of the added publicity.

I hope that you will have an opportunity of another conference with Mr. Brown following his return to New York this week. I would like to have you know in detail what we plan to do in connection with the Walter Williams Memorial Foundation and how we seek to have aid for the Yenching department of journalism included as a part of the objectives of the foundation.

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I hope that the new situation that has developed in northern China since your return does not, in your opinion, harm the university in any way. I confess I am somewhat confused as to exactly what has happened and what is likely to happen there.

With sincere personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Dean

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November 23, 1935

Mr. James Wright Brown
Editor and Publisher
1700 Times Building
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Brown:

Again may I tell you how much the Martin family and all of us here at Neff Hall enjoyed your visit to Columbia and how delighted we were that we had the opportunity of paying some slight recognition of your services to journalism by awarding you with our medal of honor?

I am having sent to you by the circulation manager of the Missouriian six copies of the Columbia Missouriian of Friday, November 22 containing the account of the presentation of this medal.

I am forwarding to you also under separate cover the papers that you left in my care following the meeting of the Walter Williams Memorial Committee in the president's office.

Inclosed also is the citation for the presentation of the medal and a photograph of myself which I am delighted to offer to you in return for the one you were good enough to send me recently.

I am inclosing also a copy of a letter I have had from J. Leighton Stuart in reference to Mrs. Williams. I think it would be safe in telling President Stuart that the members of the Missouri-Yenching trustee board would be willing to meet this condition, namely, that the first \$300 raised by the trustees is to be made the first charge against the American income of the University of Yenching. I think it would be fine if you could have an opportunity of having another conference with President Stuart and acquaint him with the plans which the Walter Williams Memorial Committee has tentatively accepted, that is, the plan for a foundation that would enable us to make use of the funds if so desired

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by the administration of the foundation for the benefit of the department of journalism at Yenching. I am writing him today that you could give him information about this.

If it meets with your approval I shall write to each member of the Missouri-Yenching Foundation Board asking a vote on the approval of payment of \$300 to Mrs. Williams at such time as the foundation is able to secure that amount.

I should also like to have a meeting of the Missouri Foundation Board if there is any likelihood of a sufficient number coming together to make the meeting worth while. It seems to me that if we decide definitely upon a Walter Williams Memorial Foundation we might well ask the Missouri-Yenching Board to use its influence and work with that foundation on the assumption that the foundation would have as one of its chief interests, aid and support of the Yenching Department of Journalism. What do you think?

I am assuming also that you will dictate for me a rough draft of your ideas and plans of a Walter Williams Foundation in order that I may turn it over to the law department at the earliest possible moment for the purpose of drawing up a charter.

With sincere regards to you and Mrs. Brown, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Dean

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 3, 1935

Mr. James Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Please find inclosed a copy of a letter I have written to each of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri-Yenching Foundation.

Upon her return to Columbia yesterday, I had a conference with Mrs. Williams. I urged her to advance her own money and go to Yenching, arriving there for the beginning of the spring semester. I told her what I was doing in the matter of writing to the other trustees asking their approval for making \$300 a first charge against funds to be raised by the Board of Trustees.

I also told her that there was some likelihood of some of the funds to be collected by the Walter Williams Memorial Foundation being available for aiding the department of journalism at Yenching. I hope you will find another opportunity to confer with Mr. James Wright Brown. I believe Mr. Brown is willing, and it would meet with my approval, for the Walter Williams Foundation to have Mr. Nash return to this country in the event the Walter Williams Memorial Committee would proceed to persuade the University of Missouri Board to underwrite the salary and expenses. Mr. Brown can explain to you this plan.

There is some likelihood that I shall have to go to Washington, D. C. before the meeting of the American Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism, of which I am president this year, and which meets on December 27-28-30. If I do go I will be in Washington from Saturday, December 14 until Monday, December 16. I was wondering if you could not come to Washington on the sixteenth for a conference.

I shall, of course, let you know in advance, for I am not certain at this time I shall be able to get away. I shall return to Washington as I wrote you previously a few days before the opening of the convention and plan to be in New York City shortly after January 1.

With sincere regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Frank L. Martin
Frank L. Martin

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 15, 1936.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Pressure of other duties has prevented my writing you before this date to inform you that the Walter Williams Memorial Committee decided officially to recommend to the Board of Curators of our University the formation of a Walter Williams journalism memorial foundation in accordance with the plan which I mentioned in New York City. The committee took no action on the plan for a financial campaign except to instruct me to draw up such a plan for ratification by mail by the members of the committee with a view of submission to the Board of Curators. This, I am now engaged in doing and I shall recommend to the Board the employment of a professional campaign director and in connection therewith point out the possibility of the services of Professor Nash in this country as an aid in this campaign. This recommendation to the Board will be prepared in time for action by the Board of Curators at its next meeting which will take place the last of this month. It seems therefore impossible to cable Nash at this time anything definite in regard to his future in reference to coming to this country. I shall keep you informed as to the progress of the whole matter.

I am planning within the next few weeks if possible to have a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri-Yenching foundation. This meeting will be held presumably in the Middle West if preliminary letters indicate that I will be able to get a quorum.

I was glad of the opportunity of seeing you again in New York. I hope that your work in connection with the raising of funds for the Yenching is progressing satisfactorily.

With sincere regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Frank L. Martin
Frank L. Martin
Dean

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February 12, 1936

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
President, Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I regret that I was not able to see Dr. and Mrs. Hill in Kansas City. I found upon my arrival there that they were in the east. They are expected to return to Kansas City late this month. Before you reach here I shall write Dr. Hill and ask him what he thinks as to the possibility or desirability of attempting to hold a gathering of those who might be interested in Yenching University in that city.

Since my previous letter to you the Board of Curators of the University have approved officially the formation of the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation, but have not approved the detailed program I proposed for financing it. This means that the plan for a financial campaign must be again considered by the Walter Williams Memorial Committee and I hope to have a meeting of this committee early next week. Thus you see any decision in regard to Professor Nash cannot be made at this time.

As I wrote you previously, I shall be here on March 6. I hope that you will visit us at this time for I would very much like to have a conference with you again before you depart for China.

Very sincerely yours,

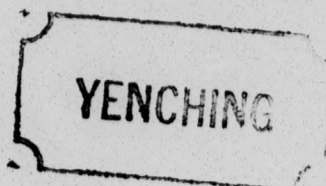
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March 9, 1936.

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Miss Louise^s McCoy,
Secretary,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss McCoy:

Please find inclosed a copy of a cable-gram which I should like to have you code and send immediately to Prof. Vernon Nash at Yenching University.

The agreement for Mr. Nash to come to America immediately is a result of a conference held last week with President Stuart here. You doubtless have heard from him about it.

I hope that you will advise me immediately of any reply you may receive from Mr. Nash.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

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March 31, 1936

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Dean Frank L. Martin
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

My dear Dean Martin:

I am wondering whether you have as yet received any reply to the cablegram we sent Vernon Nash several weeks ago.

Within a day or two after your letter of March 9th reached our office we sent off a cablegram as you requested. Thus far no reply has been received here in New York. Since you telegraphed us on March 18th asking whether we had received an answer to the cable we know that no word from Yenching had been sent to Columbia up to that date. We do hope, however that since you wired us you may have had some reply direct from Nash. If not, we should certainly cable again at once.

I note that several of your recent letters have been addressed to Miss McCoy who has not been with us now for almost two years. Miss Elvena Van Sciver is at present the office Secretary of our Yenching office.

Very cordially yours,

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Journalism

April 2, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am very sorry that I neglected to tell you what word I had received from Professor Nash. When the cable came stating that he was sailing on the President Jackson and would arrive in Seattle April 15, I somehow was under the impression that it went through your office. Looking it up, I find that it came to me direct. If I have any further word from him I will report.

As you know, we are planning to use Mr. Nash in connection with our Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation and I will have instructions for him at the port when he arrives.

I have been mailing material to Miss McCoy since our last communication was signed by her, I presume for Dr. Stuart. We will direct mail in the future to you and Miss Van Sciver.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 2, 1936

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

Dear Dean Martin,

Thanks for your letter of April 20th, commenting on the matter of a clergy certificate for Vernon Nash. We have secured a certificate for him, and are enclosing it in a letter which I am today sending to him in your care.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter Mr. Nash wrote us under date of April 4th, together with a copy of the reply I am sending him today. We would like your judgment on the question he raises as to the purchase of a car for use in his promotional work.

The status of the Department of Journalism account on our Yen-ching books is as follows:-

We carried forward from the fiscal year ending	
July 1, 1935 a balance of	\$1,571.20
We have received further contributions during	
the last nine months amounting to	760.00
The cash balance on hand in the Journalism	
account on this date is therefore	\$2,331.20

The Yen-ching Trustees went on record two years ago as having the conviction that a sufficient amount should be reserved in this account to pay the travel expenses of Mr. Nash and his family from Peiping to their home in America. We have authorized the Field Treasurer to draw on us up to the amount on hand at the beginning of the year - \$1,571.20 - to cover these expenses. Since Mr. Nash estimates, in his letter of April 4, that the cost of this home coming travel will be \$1,450. On this basis we should have an unallocated surplus in this account of somewhere between eight and nine hundred dollars when the cost of this homecoming travel is met. So far as I know, there are no other restrictions on this unallocated surplus than the general condition under which all the funds for Journalism have been contributed - that it be used for purposes directly related to carrying on work in Journalism at Yen-ching University. This would no doubt include carrying on promotional work here in America intended primarily to build adequate future support for the continuation of Journalism work at Yen-ching.

I know that our Yen-ching Trustees would be guided very largely by the judgment of the Missouri-Yen-ching Foundation in considering whether the appropriation of about \$500 of this Journalism surplus to provide Mr Nash a car

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would be a proper and desirable use for these funds. You are the best judge of whether Mr. Nash could use such a car advantageously and economically, as well as whether the work he is doing under the Williams Foundation has sufficiently direct connection with journalistic work at Yenching to make this a proper charge against the funds given for the support of that specific piece of work.

We will await your comments and recommendations before bringing the matter formally before the proper committees of the Yenching Trustees.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 4, 1936

Via air mail

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Mr. B. A. Garside
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Dear Mr. Garside:

I have your letter of May 2 in regard to Mr. Nash's plan for the purchase of a car for use in connection with the work which he plans to do for the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation. It seems in my judgment that one of the best uses that could be made of the balance you have on hand in the original Missouri Yenching Journalism Foundation would be to turn it over to the Missouri Yenching Foundation. I, as chairman of that Foundation, would then propose to the members and ask for their approval the purchase of a car. It would seem justifiable for us to take this expenditure from Yenching Foundation since Mr. Nash will be at liberty during his work for the Williams Memorial Foundation to seek an additional fund for the stabilizing of the Journalism work in Yenching. Such funds that he could secure for this purpose might be given either to the Missouri Yenching Foundation or to the Walter Williams Foundation earmarked for the Yenching work. Mr. Nash himself does not believe there is any prospect of getting desired funds for Yenching Journalism work in this country through any other method. He believes on the other hand that the most promising form of Foundation promotion work for Yenching Journalism Department lies with the Board of Trustees of the Walter Williams Memorial Foundation.

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I think it would be acceptable to the Walter Williams Foundation Board for Mr. Nash to press the claims of Yenching with any prospective donor whenever in his opinion that opportunity has more appeal than any other.

In case this plan is followed and the Board of the Missouri Yenching Foundation approves the purchase

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of a car for Mr. Nash it is probable that we would but a car costing about \$900.00. In order to avoid possible future complications concerning ownership I concur with Mr. Nash's suggestion that the car be bought in his name and that such future disposal of it be followed as he outlined in his letter to you of April 4. The value of the car after forty or fifty thousand miles of travel would not make it an excessive or unwarranted "honorarium" to him upon the termination of his services when that should become necessary.

I should be glad to have as early a decision on this matter as possible in order that I may take the matter of the purchase of a car up immediately with the Missouri Yenching Foundation.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

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May 21, 1936

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

My dear Dean Martin:

Since I received letters from you and Mr. Nash under date of May 4th, I have made several attempts to get together our Yenching Committee on Promotion. We have only this week succeeded in getting the Committee together, and in presenting to it the questions you raise with regard to Mr. Nash's work and particularly with regard to an appropriation sufficient to permit the purchase of an automobile to carry on his promotional work.

Our Yenching Trustees are, of course, very anxious to give every possible assistance to the efforts which Mr. Nash and our friends in the Missouri-Yenching Foundation and the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation are making to obtain the support necessary for continuing journalistic work at Yenching. But I am afraid that the group here in New York is still pretty hazy as to just how the various relationships are being worked out. Also, ~~we~~ need somewhat clearer information as to the connections between the work Mr. Nash will be doing during the next year and the actual activities of the Department of Journalism at Yenching. The Committee asked that I hurry off this letter to you to secure somewhat more definite facts on some of these matters so that they could act more intelligently not only on this specific request for an appropriation for a car but also on the larger questions of relationship between Mr. Nash's work and the other promotional activities in which the Yenching Trustees are engaged.

First of all, what is to be the relationship between the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation and the Missouri-Yenching Foundation? The latter organization has, somewhat to our disappointment, not been very active since it was first organized several years ago. We have been hoping that it would in due course become a very vigorous organization which would have the major responsibility for the Department of Journalism at Yenching, much as the Princeton-Yenching Foundation has given such splendid support to the work of the College of Public Affairs. Is it the intention to continue the Missouri-Yenching Foundation independent of the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation? Or is it likely that the latter will absorb the former?

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Second, what is to be the relation of the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation to the work in Journalism at Yenching University? In the brief statement of purpose appearing on the letterhead of the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation there is no mention of Yenching University, and we have not as yet seen any more detailed statement of just what the Foundation is planning to do. We understand that Mr. Nash is carrying on his work under the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation. Will his promotional activities cover the general range of the Foundation's interests, will they be restricted exclusively to Yenching interests, or will there be some division of his time between these two?

In the third place, just how can we best present this request for an appropriation to purchase a car for Mr. Nash's work so as to show that it is in line with the purposes for which these Journalism funds were contributed? It was, of course, the intention of the donors that their gifts be used for the carrying on of work in Journalism at Yenching University. We have included the outgoing and return travel expenses of Mr. Nash and his family as a fair charge against these funds because obviously this is a part of the obligation the University has to the staff members engaged in journalistic work. But it is not so easy to justify the use of these funds to purchase a car which will be used in America for promotional work, and will not have any direct share in the actual program of Journalism at Yenching. Our Yenching Trustees have for several years been guided almost entirely by the recommendations of the Missouri-Yenching Foundation as to expenditures from the balance of Journalism funds we have on hand. I am sure that they will adhere to this same policy in the present instance. But it would help to clarify their thinking if you could give us a little more definite information which we could use if at any time any of our friends who have given to Journalism funds would ask for an explanation of why this particular expenditure was necessary.

One other detail which should perhaps be clarified is that of the amount you are suggesting that we take from the Journalism balance to purchase a car. In our earlier correspondence the figure of \$500 was suggested. In your letter of May 4th you state that it is probable that a car would be purchased at a cost of about \$900. Is this additional \$400 to be provided from other sources? As I wrote you on May 2nd the total amount we are likely to have left in the Journalism account when the cost of home coming travel of Mr. Nash and his family has been met will not be more than eight or nine hundred dollars.

Sorry that it has been necessary to hold up final action on these matters until we get somewhat more definite information on these various points. As soon as we hear from you we will try to secure a prompt decision, and to communicate this to you without any further delay.

Very sincerely yours,

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Copy for Mr. Nash

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Frank A. Mosler

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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May 23, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I shall endeavor to give you information here that will tend to clear up the confusion in the minds of your board in reference to the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation and its relation to the Missouri-Yenching Foundation.

The Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation has no relation to the Missouri-Yenching Foundation. As stated in the folder or prospectus which we are using in connection with our financial campaign of this Foundation, it has been established as an educational corporation with a view of raising as a minimum, \$100,000 for the purposes of carrying on those movements, teachings and ideals in the field of journalism so long fostered by Dr. Williams during his life. The money raised is not to be used in any manner for the direct support of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri, this School of Journalism being maintained and supported by the state. There are certain journalistic educational projects, however, in which Dr. Williams was intensely interested. All of them tended to advance the standards of journalism throughout the world chiefly through the medium of education.

In addition to this he was decidedly interested in the field of international peace and in the opportunity of bringing about peace by better understanding between nations through the world press.

I need not point out to you that no single project outside of the successful maintenance of the School of Journalism of this University was closer to the heart of President Williams than was the establishment and successful operation of the Department of Journalism at Yenching University. It was through his efforts, of course, that the Department

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of Journalism of Yenching University was established by large funds, raised by him with the aid of Mr. Nash, from American publishers. Since the establishment of the Yenching department until the time of his death, he was active in its direction, operation, and did everything possible to see that success was achieved.

While the Board of Trustees of the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation, of which I have the honor of being president, feels that they could not specifically state the definite projects that would be aided and encouraged financially and through other courses by the Foundation after the completion of its financial campaign, I think I can safely state that this Board would at every opportunity lend its assistance to the Yenching Department of Journalism. I may add that during the preliminary discussions of the committee which set up this Foundation--and the committee now constitutes the Board of Trustees--the Department of Journalism at Yenching University was repeatedly mentioned as an example of how the Board, once funds were raised, could carry out the interests, principles and ideals represented by Dr. Williams.

The plan for the Foundation was first presented to this committee by a member of the committee, Mr. James Wright Brown. Incidentally, the plan was written and prepared by Professor Vernon Nash himself. It therefore seems that there would be a close relationship between the Memorial Foundation and the Missouri-Yenching Foundation and that the former would give aid to the latter whenever the opportunity for such aid, within the limits or reason, were apparent.

Before he sailed on his return to China, I conferred with President J. Leighton Stuart of Yenching University as to the work of the Memorial Foundation and the Missouri-Yenching Foundation. He agreed with me, I am sure, that the best opportunity for aid to Yenching was with the Memorial Foundation, provided the campaign for finances was successful, and he thought that efforts should be concentrated toward that end. He did not believe that a separate campaign for the Missouri-Yenching Foundation would be successful at this time because of its limited appeal to publishers, whereas the Memorial Foundation had a much larger appeal.

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I may state here that the Missouri-Yenching Foundation has not been active for two reasons. First, that there were no funds placed in the hands of the foundation and at no time since its establishment has it seemed opportune to try to raise funds. This decision and judgment has been supported by Dr. Stuart and others of your organization.

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As president of the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation Board of Trustees, I cannot, of course, promise or guarantee that any funds raised will go direct to Yenching. I can state, however, that it is one of the definite projects such as the Press Congress of the World that I, as president, expect to endeavor to have the Board support

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in accordance with the means available and in accordance with the necessity for support. I think I can assure you also that members of the Board of Trustees do or will feel likewise.

After a conference with President Stuart, who informed me that he did not believe it impossible to retain an American teacher in the Department of Journalism at Yenching University unless supported by American publishers entirely in the future; and after he had stated that he would release Professor Nash immediately, I cabled him, as the records of your office will show, that we would pay him expenses of \$150 a month for several months at least provided he was willing to return to this country. If Mr. Nash should devote his attention entirely to Yenching University, of course, we could not continue to pay that sum from the Memorial Foundation fund.

I do not hesitate to say that in view of the services rendered over a long period to the Department of Journalism at Yenching by Mr. Nash himself and because the Memorial Foundation seems to afford the best promise of support for the Department of Journalism of Yenching in the future, there should be no hesitancy on the part of Yenching University to contribute toward the Foundation campaign to the limited expense which would be incurred by the purchase of a car.

As to the price of the car, I was and I am quite willing to be guided entirely by Mr. Nash. He recommends the purchase of a \$900 car rather than a \$500 car and his reasons therefor I shall let him forward to you upon his return to Columbia.

I wish to add that Mr. Nash has been working for a limited time in the state in behalf of the Memorial Foundation, and successfully. I do not have exact figures, but we have up to the present time about \$12,000 pledged to our Foundation funds.

I hope that this will clear up the matter for you.

Most sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

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YENCHING

June 4, 1936

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

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My dear Dean Martin:

I enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sub-Committee appointed to consider the requests we have received from Columbia relating to the plans for Mr. Nash's promotional work. I am sorry that it took us so long to reach any constructive decisions on the questions you and Mr. Nash have reached. Our primary difficulty has been that the whole situation has been lacking in clarity, and the members of the Committee have been unwilling to commit themselves to any action until they could see some justification of the stand taken.

The chief problems involved have been twofold:- The first has been the Committee's uncertainty as to the various relationships involved. While we are all sympathetic to the aims of the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation, the Yenching Trustees have as yet no organic relation to that Foundation, nor is there any formal connection, so far as we can see, between the Foundation and the Department of Journalism at Yenching University. The Committee felt, therefore, that it had no right whatever to turn over funds received for the Yenching Department of Journalism to the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation, or for carrying on promotional activities on behalf of that Foundation. In the second place, the Committee had some doubt as to the wisdom of Mr. Nash's suggestion that he purchase an automobile in which he would transport his family about the country while he is engaged in promotional work. This was a point on which the Committee would be reluctant to take a negative position but on which it could not take a favorable stand without a great deal more study of the whole situation.

After a great deal of thought and discussion, the Committee decided to avoid both these practical difficulties by reducing the question to its simplest form - that of turning over to the Missouri-Yenching Foundation the unallocated balance of Journalism funds now on hand. Since the group interested in the Missouri-Yenching Foundation have had a major share in securing the funds for the work in Journalism at Yenching and since one of the major purposes for which this Foundation was incorporated was that of promoting the interest and welfare of the Yenching Department of Journalism, the Committee felt that it would be quite justified in turning over this unallocated balance of Journalism funds for the Missouri-Yenching Foundation to use in any way it considered to be to the best interests of the work in Journalism at Yenching. The Committee therefore voted to instruct our Yenching Treasurer to turn over this

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unallocated balance to you. After reserving \$1,450 to meet the home coming travel expenses of Mr. Nash and his family there remains \$877.20. I am enclosing herewith a check to the order of the Missouri-Yenching Foundation for this amount.

The Committee also discussed the relation of the work Mr. Nash is to undertake to the other promotional activities of the Yenching Trustees. By action SP-3480 the Committee outlined what seems to it to be the logical basis of procedure. We hope that this policy is in accordance with the thinking and planning of Mr. Nash and all of those in the Missouri-Yenching Foundation and the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Nash dropped in at the office here, and Mr. Hedrick, Mr. McBrier and I had the opportunity for unhurried conferences with him. We all regretted that we did not know he was in town yesterday morning else we would have urged him to attend the meeting of the sub-Committee. Perhaps his absence made no essential difference, however, since he expressed himself as in accordance with both actions taken by the Committee. I believe Mr. Hedrick will have further conferences with him during the next few days and that they will then be able to discuss in fuller detail the ways and means in which Mr. Nash and the other Yenching promotional representatives can best carry on their work without duplication of effort.

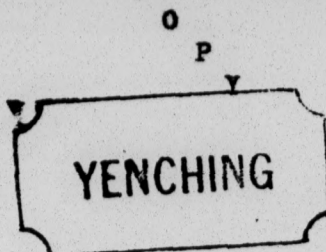
We would be grateful if you would keep us informed of the developments in the organization of the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation and the Missouri-Yenching Foundation. If at any time our Yenching Trustees should take further action defining their relationship to either of these groups, I am sure the Trustees will be glad to follow whatever line of procedure seems to you to be the wisest.

With best regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

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PROPOSED STATEMENT TO THE YENCHING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TRANSFER

from President Williams and Dean Martin

of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri

At a conference in Columbia, Missouri, on March 28th, participated in by Dr. Stuart, Dr. Gee, Mr. Nash and ourselves, it was the consensus that our joint undertaking to provide education for journalism in China could best be forwarded by the creation of a corporation of the State of Missouri, to be known as the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation which should operate along lines similar to the Harvard-Yenching Institute and the Princeton-Yenching Foundation. It was proposed that this body should accept full responsibility and authority in this direction and control of the journalism work carried on in connection with Yenching University, subject to the academic and scholastic standards of the institution.

If your board of trustees sees fit to authorize such a transfer of responsibility and authority we are willing and prepared to accept same. Upon the assurance of Dr. Stuart and Dr. Gee that such a proposal would probably be favorably considered by you, we have already approached a group of individuals among those financially interested in our venture, asking them to serve upon the incorporating board of directors subject to your approval. We have thus acted so that the new plan, if approved, can be put into effect at the earliest possible moment.

To date the following have signified their willingness to serve:

President Walter Williams, University of Missouri
Frank L. Martin, Associate Dean, School of Journalism, University of Missouri
Robert J. Clark, Treasurer, Kansas City Power & Light Co., Kansas City
James Wright Brown, Editor and Publisher, New York City
Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President, Yenching University
W. E. Prisk, Pasadena Star-News

Others to whom invitations have been sent are:

W. T. Deward, New York Sun
E. K. Gaylord, Oklahoma, Oklahoma City

Respectfully yours

/s/ Walter Williams

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