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January 3, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

We have received a letter from the Harvard-Yenching Institute stating that in response to your request of August 31, 1942 the Institute on December 22, 1942 voted a tentative budget of LC\$125,000 for undergraduate studies at the University and LC\$25,000 for the Joint Journal which is being published in Chengtu.

This letter further states that a reply received from China, dated April 12, 1943, failed to give some essential facts, but there was request included for LC\$50,000 more than the tentative budget voted by the Institute. I quote the following paragraph:

"As the Trustees of Yenching University know, the amount received by Yenching from the Restricted Fund of this Institute for 1942-43 was \$22,368.44, representing, at an exchange of 20 to 1, \$447,367.80. The 50% grant which the Chinese Government now gives to all educational activities in China subsidized from abroad will raise that amount to \$671,053.20. Since the Institute has guaranteed the same income to Yenching this year as last year, this total will amply cover the budget for 1943-44 sent me by Mr. Mei, which amounts to CH\$450,000. In addition, Yenching will receive a pro rata grant from the Emergency Fund of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges, towards which the Institute contributed a substantial sum."

The Institute calls attention to our report of 349 students at Yenching and 83 teachers last May. While only 8 students majored in the Chinese Department, there were 5 professors. I quote again:

"We have received no report from Mr. Mei as to the expenditure in 1942-43 of the Restricted Funds received by the University from the Institute, as is required of the affiliated universities by the Trustees of the Institute. The Trustees have voted that each university shall send a report to reach Cambridge by the first of October every year or further funds will be withheld. We received reports from other affiliated universities in Chengtu in time for presentation to the Trustees' meeting, so it would seem that there is no reason why Yenching could not have sent one."

It is further stated that none of the local currency \$150,000 voted tentatively for Yenching will be paid until a proper report is made on the use of Restricted Funds amounting to \$22,368.44. Some of the things which the Trustees would like to know are:

"What proportion of the Restricted Fund income of the Institute is being spent for Chinese studies?

How many pupils are there this year?

Who are the teachers and professors and what are their salaries?

What proportion of the income is spent on undergraduate work?

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How many scholars are being paid for research?

What is Yenching's monetary contribution to the Joint Journal?"

Putting it boldly, the Harvard-Yenching Institute Trustees would like to know how the Institute's funds are being used and would like to see the budget for the entire work which is being carried on at the University.

My review of the proposed budget for 1942-43 shows a very limited amount being used for Chinese studies, whereas the appropriation of the Trustees included the entire amount. The understanding with H. Y. I. is that Restricted Funds are primarily for the development of Chinese cultural work and when it is shown that an adequate effort is being made to carry out this purpose, that a certain amount of the funds might rightly be used for administration or for other purposes of building up the teaching structure of the University. I note from the 1942-43 budget that around \$75,000 local currency was appropriated to the Chinese Department. This is a relatively small amount of the \$450,000 available and it will be necessary to do some careful figuring to make a presentable statement. This year the budget more than doubles this amount for expenditures, but there is an additional 50% grant on exchange. Unless satisfactory reports are made to the Institute, of course, there will be a further curtailment of the appropriations.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via China Clipper
c.c. via next Clipper

Please send your reply to me.
Evans



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January 11, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtu (China)

Dear Dr Mei:

I must confess that I have been greatly remiss in not writing you more frequently regarding the attitude of the Yenching trustees in America pertaining to the new Yenching University at Chengtu. Members of the Associated Boards, likewise, are deeply interested in the on-going program of the Colleges in China and particularly so toward any new project which may be inaugurated.

There is no reason, however, for me to waste time over apologies but I would like you to know that the task here in America is not an easy one. First of all we are working without an executive secretary in the office, and at the present time without a promotional secretary. All of the tasks that such individuals would carry out have been distributed over the rest of the executive staff. In normal times we had five more people on the staff than we have at the present time. As over against this picture United China Relief is doing a magnificent piece of work in raising money for all of the agencies but it is not doing everything. A large part of the expenses of the Colleges are raised from normal income of Mission Boards including cash contributions and personnel. The contacts with Mission Boards, following up appropriations, conferences regarding staff members, travel, etc., are major time consuming items. The endowment income must be taken care of and securities watched and there is always a large fringe of interested people who must be cultivated and educated to keep their gifts flowing into the office. Likewise, there are large foundations interested in this work which require constant cultivation and education. This is all aside from the routine work of carrying on the office, answering correspondence, and keeping in touch with friends and relatives of people who were interned in North China. We rejoice that a large group of them are home but from the standpoint of actual work this only increases the responsibility. We are hoping, however, that out of this group we will be able to secure some help here in the office.

But let us consider your own particular problem at Yenching University in Chengtu. First of all may I allude to the attitude of the trustees of the University in so far as it has been expressed in Board Meetings, Committee Meetings, and personally. As a result of my contacts I can find no thought in the minds of any of the trustees that Yenching is to be established along the lines of its former prestige in North China. This cannot be done because funds are lacking to attempt any such enterprise. Even if the funds could be secured in China for rebuilding Yenching in free territory with large and spacious accommodations I doubt that you would get much interest or support in America. I have heard a considerable amount of talking about postwar planning and many plans have been submitted. None, however, have left out of consideration a Yenching unit up in the north of China where it was originally established. In 1936 when Dr. Stuart was in America the last time, days and days were spent talking over the possibility of moving Yenching from Peking to West China. No consideration has ever been given more careful, prayerful, and detailed thought. As a result of all of this deep study the very definite conclusion was reached that regardless of what happened in north China, Yenching should still stay on at Peking. Obviously it is a waste of time to debate this question at the present moment under the stress of war. After the war we will know something of how conditions then stand, but I repeat that in so far as I am able to judge, none of the Yenching trustees or other people deeply interested in the University are considering establishing elsewhere

a replica of the original Yenching University.

In that event what has been the idea of the trustees? In answer to this question I would say that you have largely taken the initiative and have given a tangible demonstration of what is in the thinking of the alumni and friends in China. When Yenching closed on December 8th the Yenching trustees had no definite plans. Events were watched and soon they began to take shape in the establishment of your group at Chungking and Chengtu. It was thought wise, of course, to give as much encouragement as possible to the establishing of a unit of Yenching working in conjunction with the other Universities in Chengtu. Without buildings and equipment it could not be otherwise. During this period, however, the trustees were very deeply conscious of the fact that a large group of staff were interned and imprisoned in North China. The trustees were obligated to care for them and funds were deposited with the State Department for this purpose, and other funds were set aside against the future need of these people who were cut off quickly from doing further work. Therefore, in this dual thinking the trustees had to consider two things, the people in North China and their obligation to these people as well as giving some financial assistance to the group at Chengtu. May I say that under present conditions and on the present basis of income, it will take the trustees two or three years to take care of the indebtedness involved in this situation. We have asked United China Relief to help this year but the amount appropriated is totally inadequate for the needs. Thus it will be seen that whatever was visualized as being the possibilities in West China of Yenching University, that it must be cut according to the cloth available.

We all regretted to learn that various organizations and individuals in America were solicited for funds to establish the University when United China Relief prohibited such a move. Fortunately most of these requests found their way into our office and we have been able to straighten them out. This is not to say that we would not assist in any way possible if it seemed feasible to carry out any project without interference with other colleges at Chengtu. In this respect, of course, there has been constant talk here that there should be more and more coordination and consolidation of interests at Chengtu.

Concretely, in so far as I have been able to determine, the thinking has been that Yenching could be established on a limited scale to maintain its name and dignity in the thinking of the Chinese people, cooperating wherever possible with the other institutions, and establishing those things which will carry the school on during this period of uncertainty and trouble. At the end of the war it is undoubtedly true that large sums will be required for rehabilitation and then it will be possible in China, as well as in America, to get considerable help to carry out this purpose. At least that is in the private thinking of a large group here at the present time including Chinese visitors.

I would like to say a word regarding the purposes of all of these Colleges. Presumably the best place to start is with my own self. I went to the orient purely for the sake of giving expression to a conviction that I was contributing to the Christian thought and activity among the people of the orient. I did not go with the thought of having a trip around the world, but with the distinct Christian motive of working with other people. Although I spent five hard years of my life in the orient I do not regret it and feel that it was a distinct contribution to Christian education.

I emphasize this as that is the reason why I came into the China Colleges office when I returned from the orient in 1929. At the present time I would not be interested in carrying on in this particular position, putting in the hours that are being consecrated to this task, for the simple purpose of carrying on secular education. I believe the Christian Colleges in China are the greatest challenge to Christian people the world over. They have shown a virility and power which few ever expected to see.

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Some of their dearest friends predicted their downfall immediately after July 9th, 1937. These so-called friends have lived to see the foolishness of their thought. By far the greater number stood solidly back of the Colleges and continued to contribute magnificently to the support and development of the programs during the years from July 1937 to December 1941. I am convinced, however, that these loyal supporters were doing it from a strictly Christian motive and were the churches of Christ in America to withdraw their support there would be a slackening of interest which would kill the whole movement in America.

For the foregoing reasons it seems essential that the religious programs, the Christian spirit, must be stimulated and developed. Wherever Christian education has gone it has always made a mark for itself as over against secular education and it will continue to do so as long as this world lasts, let us not mistake this issue.

Through many conferences, luncheons and what not, we have finally arrived at a place where I believe that considerable support could be secured for religious work on the campuses at Chengtu. First of all you have some income from endowment funds in Yenching University which could be used. Secondly, there is the McBrier Foundation which Mr. McBrier and the committee now feel could be used for this purpose. Dr. Yang Ching Wei has left for Chengtu. We hope he can help somewhat in the Y.M.C.A. work, but his first obligation will be to the religious interests of these institutions. I am not thinking of Dr. Wei as an oratorical evangelist, but as a hard-working individual who has the conviction that Christian education is paramount. He has been in and out of our offices over the past few years and we have learned to love him deeply, but he cannot do it all alone, it needs the cooperation of all the Presidents at Chengtu also the individual Christian Chinese and missionaries must lend a hand.

I concede that the condition under which work is being carried on at the present time is not conducive to any amount of enthusiasm. It takes a deep-seated abiding faith in the principles of the Savior to work under such conditions and I know there are great numbers of people in America who are praying that you will have this faith and more too.

May I say a few more words regarding the financial situation before touching upon the Yenching budget. The total requests from the Colleges in China for the current year ran above a million dollars, as a matter of fact it was around a million and a quarter. We could see that this was impossible in view of what other agencies were requesting from United China Relief and in the light of what money seemed available. Subsequently these requests were pared down to make a total of \$963,000.00 U.S., but that was still far beyond what the United China Relief would accept as our allotment in the campaign. The final result was that we are to get \$666,000.00 toward this budget. We are to secure the balance from other sources. The first half of these funds has already been made available for the field and we are starting on our way toward securing the third quarter. We definitely are committed toward getting the entire amount of money. To make up this difference we are hoping to raise approximately \$150,000.00 ourselves and that from Canada we will get another substantial gift and Great Britain likewise should give us more money. We also carried forward a balance from last year's undesignated funds. These have been applied to the first quarter of this present year. Thus with out limited staff we are bending every effort to reach the goal which we have set for 1943-44, already this goal has been expanded by the United China Relief giving us \$65,000.00 for faculty relief which has been sent to China. The \$65,000 does not in any way interfere with the regular budgets which were established for this year. We do not know the distribution at Chengtu and await information to make the changes on our books. I am speaking now of the distribution at Chengtu, we know the distribution elsewhere in China.

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As far as the budget for Yenching is concerned it must be considered in the light of requirements in Peking and for the repatriates. For your information I am appending herewith the schedule as applied particularly to 1943-44. It will be seen that your budget totals \$45,000 with \$15,000 from the Woman's College plus the Sustaining Fund of \$135,000. It might be well to consider that within this appropriation of \$45,000 you had the use of Princeton-Yenching Foundation \$9,000, Harvard-Yenching Institute appropriation of \$22,368.44, Natural Science Endowment \$12,530.55, the balance is made up of endowment income. Reports upon the use of the \$45,000 and particularly its application to the Harvard-Yenching appropriation, should be submitted at the end of the year to the Institute.

The May 20th Finance Committee Meeting studied the whole financial structure of Yenching very carefully and had before it the following schedule of Requirements and Income.

<u>Requirements</u>	
1943-44	
Peking Staff Obligations (deficit previous years)	\$37,674.94
" " " 1943-44	12,848.28
Trustees Budget	45,000.00
Woman's College	15,000.00
Sustaining Funds Budget	<u>135,000.00</u>
	245,523.22
<u>Funds Available</u>	
Trustees Income	\$70,194.76
Woman's College Income	16,974.43
Sustaining Funds	<u>135,000.00</u>
	222,169.19
Deficit	23,354.03

It will be seen that the trustees face a deficit of \$23,354.03 in June but this is the minimum. Already the committee of the Trustees having this in charge has added \$15,000.00 to care for Chinese members of the North China faculty and the repatriated group has cost more than the \$12,848.28 set aside in the budget.

In conclusion the following would seem to be the general course to follow at Chengtu:

- Carry on in the simplest manner consistent with adequately using the P.Y.F. appropriation and the H.Y.I. gift.
- Cooperate as largely as possible with other institutions at Chengtu and not bidding for staff members of other Universities.
- Avoid entangling alliances, especially financial, which might jeopardize the future of the University.
- Work closely in concert with the temporary board of Managers organized for this purpose.
- Pay special attention to religious character of the institution.

Any honest effort or work along the foregoing outline will meet the hearty approval of the trustees.

Very truly yours,

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C. A. EVANS

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January 31, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

You have probably wondered why I have not written you covering the very gracious letter to the Board of Trustees dated August 5th.

Except for the fact that the letter has been received, the Board of Trustees has not had opportunity to act upon it and, therefore, I have not been given any instructions. From all we have heard, however, from individual members they are deeply appreciative and recognize the problems which you have had to encounter. Various Committee meetings have been held of the Board but neither one of the Executive Committee nor the Board itself.

It has been exceedingly difficult to obtain sizable meetings of even committees. Everyone is overloaded with work. No one seems to have time except for his or her individual task but we are progressing. You will hear more from us later on.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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January 31, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

I wish to thank you for the letters of October 7th which arrived in time for reading by the repatriates on the GRIPSHOLM. This included a report from the Acting Dean of Women and minutes of the Women's College Administrative Committee.

I am also grateful for the copy of the letter to the members of the staff which was sent to Bombay. They reported that some correspondence had been received from Chengtu.

There seemed to be general approval over the appointment of Dr. Chen Fang Chih to the Deanship of women of the Women's College. Dr. Chen is known here in America to many of the Board members.

The Women's College report is being sent out to the members of the Committee and the Budget Committee is being informed of the figures presented under action of the Administrative Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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CABLE ADDRESS
YENTA

CHUNGKING, January 14th., 1944.

Mr. Carl Evans,
Yenching University Office,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.,
U. S. A..

Dear Mr. Evans:

*to be sent in next
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over weight*

I have been down in Chungking for over a week. My chief purpose is to organize the Alumni and interest the Board in the project of a U.S. \$10,000,000 campaign. We have taken the first steps along this line. We have had a meeting of the Board of Directors, the minutes of which I am inclosing herewith for your reference.

The campaign is as yet only an idea. But we have the understanding and support of the Board and the enthusiasm of the Alumni to count upon. It looks as though I shall have to be spending most of my time and energy for the major portion of the calendar year on this enterprise. The results of the campaign, however, will depend on several factors some of which are not quite calculable.

I am sending you herewith also a copy of the list of Scholarships and Loans to Students and a copy of the Revised Budget for 1943-44. These two inclosures were not able to go into the envelope that I sent you before I left Chengtu.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei
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CHENGTO CHINA



CABLE ADDRESS
YENTA

Yenching University
120, Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

I have been very glad to hear from you and to learn that your chief purpose is to organize the Alumni and Friends of the Yenching University in the United States. I am sure that the first step along this line is to have a meeting of the Board of Directors, the first of which is now being held for your reference.

The campaign is at present in its early stages. The major task is to secure the support of the Board and the Alumni. It is hoped that the first meeting of the Board will be held in the near future. The first step is to have a meeting of the Board of Directors, the first of which is now being held for your reference.

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Sincerely yours,

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February 15, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtú, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

Your letter written the middle of December enclosed communications to Dr. Sailer, Shirley Duncan, Dr. Kramer and Ruth Stahl. These have been forwarded to the individuals. Probably they will write you direct.

Dr. Kramer has taken a position with Kansas State College. Miss Ruth Stahl should not go back to the field for some time because of health reasons. Miss Duncan has taken a position with the OWI and Dr. Randolph Sailer is also with that organization in Washington, D. C. Of course, Dr. Sailer and Miss Stahl are under mission board support and were they returning, it would require action by their respective Mission Boards. In the cases of Miss Kramer and Miss Duncan, both were on the budget of the University and the regular budget would be required to finance their travel and maintenance in China.

I had planned to write you another letter today, but it is impossible to work it in now. I hope to have better luck tomorrow.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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CABLE ADDRESS
YENTA

February 14, 1944

Mr. Carl Evans
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Ave.
New York 11
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I wrote you last from Chungking exactly a month ago, enclosing minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors which had just been held, a copy of the revised budget for 1943-44, and a list of scholarships and loans to students. When I returned, I found Mr. Robinson had also sent you certain material for publicity.

I returned on January 23 and there was a winter commencement the following morning at which 17 students were graduated. The number expected was much higher, but because of the strict requirements of the University, such as writing up the thesis, etc., a number were not able to fulfill all the requirements in time. I enclose herewith a copy of the statistical table of graduates at the two commencements held in Chengtu.

We have been in receipt of the following cable from our Honolulu Alumni for sometime:

"Yenching University Chtu
Remitted 12000 Mexican for faculty students Christmas party
Have a good time Aloha from Honolulu Merry Christmas
Yenching Alumni "

I quoted it to close my semester report, but I wonder whether you noticed it. It certainly is a very fine gesture and has been a source of much encouragement on the campus. The money has just arrived. It turned out to be at the Government rate of 20:1. I have notified the Honolulu group that henceforth they might make use of your office for sending money to their Alma Mater and thus enjoy the exchange subsidy granted us by the Government.

We are in the midst of preparation for the N.C. \$ 10,000,000 campaign. Alumni in Chungking and Chengtu are enthusiastic. Chungking has volunteered to secure \$ 5,000,000 and Chengtu \$ 2,500,000. I myself plan to spend the spring months mostly in Chungking and possibly taking a couple of trips to cover the more distant centers. The campaign is to start on March 1. Nothing can be assured yet, but prospects are good.

On this last trip to Chungking I succeeded making an arrangement for transmitting considerable sums of money to Peking for the benefit and relief of the ranking members of the University still in Peking. We are hoping to be able to do it on the order of N.C. \$ 300,000 for a first installment and N.C. \$ 100,000 for subsequent installments about once every three months. We are not clear yet as to where from we shall be able to advance these large sums. But the situation in

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CABLE ADDRESS
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Peking is getting more and more desperate and we feel duty bound to send up relief to our colleagues as soon as feasible arrangement can be made. I understand you have a certain amount reserved for back salary payment. We should like to have you authorize remittance of say U.S. \$ 15,000-20,000. Besides the Peking group, the 30 odd members who have come from Peking to continue their service to the University in Chengtu also need consideration on this point as I have written more than once before. I believe U.S. \$ 20,000 will be able to meet both purposes for sometime.

You must have heard of the recent exchange rate granted us at 40:1. But that does not even begin to solve our problems after the current year. I understand Miss Priest is keeping you informed of the situation and the hopes of the 5 universities in Chengtu.

We are in receipt of the following cable from you :

" YIPAOMEI Chengtu
Heartily endorse application for Wang Yang scholarship
at Harvard University for fourth year work
Carl Evans "

I must confess I do not know what it is all about and nobody in the University can give me any definite information either. Somebody is trying to help me by writing to Wang Yang's relative to find out things.

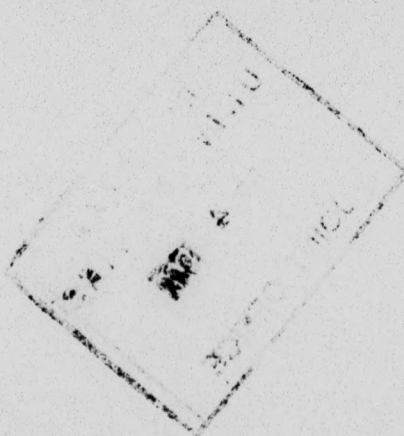
We are all eagerly waiting to hear from our repatriated colleagues in America. I hope they are all well and sound. What are their prospects of some of them joining us in Chengtu? Mr. Hausske and the party of three American Board ladies are still on the high sea somewhere, but we hope that they will land at India within the next week or so.

Please do us the favor of mailing the enclosed letters from your office.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Y.P. Mei



YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENGCHU
CHENGCHU CHINA

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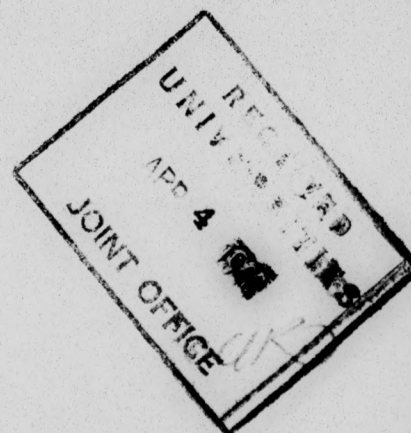
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With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei



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February 17, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

I have read with great interest the communications which you sent to Dr. Elisseeff and also have studied the budgets.

In my effort to interpret the actual conditions prevailing here in America and in an effort to interpret also the attitude of the Yenching Trustees, I trust I have done nothing to disturb the splendid enthusiasm which has been injected into the Yenching project in West China. If what I have said has in any way seemed to lack the sympathetic touch which your efforts should inspire, I want to say most emphatically that it was not so intended. Yours has been a most difficult situation and I thoroughly recognize its importance. I know you are all too well aware of the difficulties involved in operating a college and more particularly so during these days of financial difficulties. You must run your organization within the limits of funds available, while at the same time inspiring confidence and trust with the faculty and students. Our task is to administer the funds as directed by the Trustees and to secure such support as is possible to obtain for the work of the Colleges.

By way of giving the exact procedure followed in relation to the Harvard-Yenching Institute account may I say that financial correspondence has always been carried on through our office. The money is paid over to our office likewise and remitted to the field under the instructions of the Institute. Reports on the use of the funds may go directly to Dr. Elisseeff, but copies likewise should be sent to our office. In the past, what is known as the "Agency Account" has been administered through our office and the accounts audited and reported to the Institute. Actually some of the money in the Agency Account has been disbursed in the United States under the instruction of the Institute.

The Harvard-Yenching Institute appropriation for undergraduate work is \$22,368.44 for the current year which is included within the \$45,000.00 appropriated by the Trustees. The Institute will be satisfied if a relatively strong program of undergraduate work in Chinese is carried on even if it does not use all of the appropriation. The balance could then be used for such administrative and operating costs as could be well justified in the report to the Institute. The figures in the report, as I read them, show a total expenditure up to June 30th of \$262,822. This is hardly the total of the US\$22,368.44 cited above. Naturally any further relief in this Department should be taken from Sustaining Funds toward which the Institute gave us US\$78,000.00 last year for the entire group of Colleges.

I have not heard from Dr. Elisseeff as to his reaction to the report and will await until the April meeting before I raise any questions in regard to same.

Of course, we cannot follow every detail of administration in China and it is not our desire to do so, but it is necessary to have the knowledge of what is going on as related to projects or interests within the United States. Invariably such approaches come back to our office for adjustment and we are working in the

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dark if we do not have information available.

The Journalism project is at a standstill as it is practically impossible to secure passports for a woman instructor, at the present time, who does not have a diplomatic priority, or in some way is connected with health or medical activities.

The letter which you wrote in the spring of 1942 regarding Mr. David Lu cannot be found and I do not recall of having received such a communication.

The travel and expenses of Yung Ch'ing Wei is being paid from the McBrier Fund. This will give you a good man with his expenses outside of the budget and the reason for this is the fact that he was formerly on the University staff in North China.

When last I talked with Miss Rathbone she was enthusiastic about communications from China, but there are certain procedures involved in her particular case, such as passports, travel funds and salary which will have to be worked out before further thought is given about her going to China.

I had about two hours with Dr. Balfour this noon and, I am sure, he is deeply in sympathy with the work which the College of Public Affairs is doing.

I shall be very glad indeed to cooperate with Mrs. Pollock in sending any funds to China.

With sincerest best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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P. S. What I really intended to say regarding Mr. David Lu was that no direct word came from the University regarding him at the time you mentioned--there being a reference by Dwight Edwards suggesting that we cooperate with Mr. Lu in a campaign to secure funds for the School of Journalism. By a definite and conclusive agreement with United China Relief we could not seek funds for such a project at that time. With the National War Fund in control at the present time, it would be still worse to start such a project.

C. A. E.

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February 21, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengt'u, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

Your letter of November 24th has been reviewed by our Accounting Department and I have before me the previous correspondence dealing with appropriations.

I can readily understand now that I have restudied the data going to the field how misunderstandings could occur. My cablegram to Mr. Edwards dated October 23rd in referring to Yenching read to the effect that Yenching Trustees appropriated \$50,000 American dollars with more if needed with \$50,000 from Sustaining Funds. Later we notified you that the Women's College appropriation would be \$15,636. My covering letter to Mr. Edwards dated October 24th stated likewise that \$50,000 would be available from the Trustees, \$50,000 from the Sustaining Funds and \$45,000 for temporary buildings if needed. It never occurred to anyone here that this emergency extra fund would be spent, unless some word came to hand regarding the actual needs. We have had plenty of statements from all of the Colleges that there was room for additional expenditures but nothing specifically covering these items.

The figures which you set forth in your letter are correct and some way must be worked out to clear the deficit in China. There was no surplus carried over from 1941-42, except as it applied on obligation of the Trustees toward the staff in Peking. The \$45,000 in question was not applied to the 1942-43 expenses as referred to in your letter.

I have received the audited statement submitted by Miss Priest and will refer same to the next meeting of our Finance Committee.

I note one thing which has been the object of study by our Committee on Emergency Askings, namely, tuition. It would appear that Yenching students were charged around LC\$400 tuition for the entire year. A dispatch from Chungking dated February 18th reads as follows:

"In an attempt to keep tuition and board down at the lowest possible level, the Bureau of Education in Chungking has notified all middle schools in the city that tuition for the spring term this year cannot exceed Ch\$2,000 and board Ch\$3,500. Under the Chinese system of education there are two terms to a year."

In other words, there is a potential million and a quarter local currency additional which should be paid by Yenching students even on the middle school basis. It is obvious that many of these students are worthy of some assistance but surely some line should be drawn whereby the entire responsibility should not rest upon relief funds.

The Temporary Building Fund may be used for rent as the rental is displacing the erection of any temporary quarters.

At this distance it is difficult to make intelligent comments on such

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a fluid condition, but one member of our staff has raised the question as to the expenditure of a considerable amount of money for the Science building if some coordination of work with the other Colleges at Chengtu could be accomplished. It is quite possible as we now view the situation that there will be a drastic cutting of relative appropriations this year which actually necessitate a complete consolidation of work to salvage the best of the staff members. We will let you know more about this later on.

Such funds as we have on hand for the fire victims have been cabled to the field.

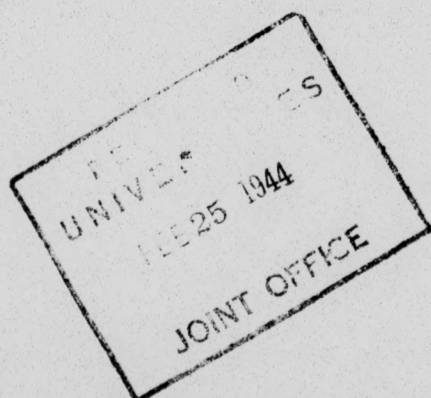
The Trustees of Yenching have appointed a committee to cooperate with the Finance Committee of the Board in making adjustments for the back salary of both foreign and Chinese members of the staff. This Committee has a heavy task ahead of it and will get down to real hard work the first of next week. Presumably they will require the names of the Chinese staff members to whom you refer in the last paragraph of your letter of November 24th. It is quite possible that the Committee will authorize a letter seeking further light upon possibilities of reimbursing former staff members in North China.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper
c.c. via next Clipper



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February 28, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

You have been advised that Dr. Yung Ch'ing Wei is en route to Yenching under support of the McBrier Foundation Fund.

Frequent conferences have been held with the representatives of the National Y. M. C. A. here in New York and it is our understanding that Dr. Wei will definitely be a staff member of Yenching University under the regular schedule of salaries and allowances established by the University and will have regular teaching assignments.

From our knowledge of Dr. Wei we know he will be of especial value to you in the religious life of Yenching University. We would not restrict this entirely to Yenching, but hope it will reach out to have a lasting influence upon other institutions at Chengtu. Dr. Wei also has international connections with the Y. M. C. A. but only to working with Y. M. C. A. officials in China and helping in the preparation of students who may desire to carry on ~~either~~ undergraduate ~~or graduate~~ work for the purpose of entering Y. M. C. A. Service. It is hoped that from time to time he will discover students in all of the Colleges who possess certain aptitudes for Y. M. C. A. work and that under these circumstances he will assist them in arranging their courses of study and cooperate to the extent of guiding them in their preparation. This is something of the same service which formerly was rendered by Dr. Lemmig Sweet when he was at Yenching years ago.

I am sending Dr. Wei a copy of this letter so that he will understand what I have said to you as regards my understanding of the situation.

Lyman Hoover started for China far in advance of Dr. Wei but unfortunately was held up in South America. We understand that he is now en route for China, but it does not seem possible for him to reach China in advance of Dr. Wei. Possibly Dr. Wei will desire to become established at Yenching before taking up any particular phase of the Y. M. C. A. work until Mr. Hoover arrives.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dear Dr. Mei:

We have received your letter of December 17th addressed to the repatriates who arrived in the United States December 1st. I have not had opportunity to carefully study the material but I believe that it is perfectly in order for this to be sent to the various people listed and same will be forwarded within a day or two. The Bi-weekly letter has also been received and will be sent out to the constituency. We are also grateful for "The Aim of Yenching University." I am preparing the statistics to be sent to the Trustees of Yenching University.

I believe I have written you elsewhere regarding the various foreign members of the staff who returned from North China. You will recall that we are dealing with two types of staff members. The first type is that supported by Mission Boards, and such staff members are sent out by the Mission Boards in consultation with the Trustees. In every event the Mission Board is the one who will have the final say as to whether or not the individual will be sent to the field. May I comment individually upon those in this category listed in your letter:

William H. Adolph - (Presbyterian Board) Overdue on furlough, but in addition has taken a war position.

Walter W. Davis - (Methodist Board) Due for furlough and probably will not return to the field.

Howard S. Galt - (American Board) Retired.

Sheffield S. Galt - Unavailable.

Randolph C. Sailer - (Presbyterian Board) Has taken a position with the OWI for at least a year.

Stanley D. Wilson - (American Board) Return doubtful, unless under very favorable conditions.

Louis E. Wolferz - (Presbyterian Board) Probably would be willing to return if health permit.

Margaret B. Speer - (Presbyterian Board) Probably will not return because of family conditions.

Ruth L. Stahl - (Methodist Woman's Board) Cannot return because of health conditions.

The second type is that supported by the University and the Trustees and

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upon which the Trustees must take final action before they return to China. Application for their return should be addressed to the Trustees. Those in this group are as follows:

E. K. Smith - Probably will not return to China because of age limitation.

E. O. Wilson - Impossible to return because of illness.

Alice M. Boring - Has secured a position in New York and is not contemplating returning to work in China, except under very favorable conditions in North China.

Anne Cochran - Needs a long rest. Probably should not return for a year.

Mary Cookingham - Has picked up remarkably well since returning, but probably would not return to West China. She is now in our office.

Shirley M. Duncan - Has taken a position with the OWI. After the war she might be interested in returning to Yenching.

Dorothea Hamwell - Unavailable.

Mary Hutchison - Probably would not return to China and has taken a position with the OWI.

Martha M. Kramer - Has taken a position with the Kansas State College of Agricultural of Applied Science, but under normal conditions might be available for work in North China.

Augusta Wagner - Is in poor health and should not be asked to return to China.

We are also grateful for copies of the YENCHING NEWS which came with this communication.

With every good wish, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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P. S. I overlooked the fact that in the second class all of the staff members supported by the University have salaries paid from the University budget and not from extra funds provided outside of the budget.

C. A. E.

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Newsletter No. 5 from Ralph *file* Lapwood
in Miss *Yuan's* file
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CHENG TU CHINA

FILE ADDRESS
CAT YENTA

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March 11, 1944

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Mr. Charles H. Corbett
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City, 11.

Dear Mr. Corbett,

I am in receipt of your circular letter of Dec. 20 and the minutes of the Trustee Meeting in welcome to the Yenching University. We are very grateful for the full information about our friends. Dr. Galt's report at that meeting is here widely distributed in both Chinese and English. This report is read with great interest even by ourselves, as it is the first comprehensive and first-hand statement from one of our own people.

We are still hoping that some of these repatriated colleagues will be able to join us in Chengtu. In previous correspondence we have asked for the following:

Presbyterian Mission: Adolph, Sailer, Speer, Cochran who we hope may be taken on by the Presbyterian Mission.

Methodist Mission: Stahl

Wellesley Fund: Wagner

University: Boring, Duncan, Kramer

We are not certain whether it would be possible for all these people actually to get here. If for financial or other reasons the list must be cut to the minimum, we would still ask for the Sailors, and Miss Speer. If the University Fund can stand sending out one person only, we would ask for Miss Boring.

We are now in the second semester of the second year in Chengtu. The enrollment stands now at 361. Probably during the spring months students from Peking will bring up the total to about 400 again. 17 students have returned for the Winter Commencement. President Wu Yi-tung is already back in Chengtu. Mr. Hausske has at last arrived at Calcutta and is expected here daily. The \$10,000,000 Endowment Campaign has had a good start in Chengtu which is responsible for \$3,000,000. I am leaving for Chungking in a few days' time to help with the \$5,000,000 project for that city.

We have heard of the election of Dr. Fairfield to be President and appointment of Mr. Ballou to be Executive Secretary of the ABCCC. We have sent them letters of congratulation. We hope this arrangement will both strengthen the administration of the ABCCC as well as relieving you and Mr. Evans from undue pressure of work.

I should be very grateful if you will give the enclosure the necessary attention,

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Lapwood

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Wei Hsien, March 27, 1944

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In accordance with this central thought, we regard ourselves now as keeping a ~~an~~ useful continuity during a refugee period - maintaining relationships with the Board of Education, contributing to Christian Education in free China at a time when nothing can be done in Peking, and, we hope, working together with the other groups of Yenching people towards the ~~the~~ time when intensive action is needed in setting up ~~one~~ more in the North.

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Our faculty here is built around the nucleus of old faculty who have escaped from Peking, and contracts are of course on a year-to-year basis, with no commitments for the future. In fact, when it has been necessary to invite persons new to Yenching, we have tried to invite people on leave of absence for a year or two from their own institution, - such as Professors Chen Ying Chueh (History), Tseng Yuan Yung (Mathematics), and Li Fang Kuei (Chinese) - so that there would arise no problems in the event of the return to the North.

While we are putting in every energy to make this Chengtu institution the best we can, we cannot be forgetful of the fact that the key people of Yenching remained behind in the North, and we look forward eagerly to the time when they will be able to come into action again, and we shall be absorbed into the larger team. In order that the process shall be as smooth and efficient as possible, we have repeatedly urged that at least a few people of long Yenching experience come out soon from U.S.A. to work with us, giving wise guidance in planning.

From all that we hear, the reestablishment on the old campus will be a very costly business, and we fully understand the need for saving for that future. So we know that whatever needs or opportunities arise here must be balanced against Yenching's future expenses. While every live organism naturally has a keen urge to expand, we have curbed that urge very severely. This is shown in the fact that (remembering that prices triple each year) the second year's current budget is smaller in real terms than the first year's.

In fact, if we take the cost of living multiple at the middle of the Academic year as about 300 (X prewar) our 1943-4 budget for current expenses reduces to the equivalent of National Currency \$ 18,000 prewar - about half the cost of running a small Middle School at that time.

We point this out to show that the kind of sacrifice our teachers are making in continuing to put their ~~lives~~ lives into University work, when chances of making better income abound. It means that they believe in the things that the University stands for, and continue to do so, even when their salaries and their standard of living drop to less than 10 % of prewar standards.

We realise that it does not look like this to you, for you are passing on to the University (from U.C.R.) larger amounts than were ever sent in the past. But we want our friends to realise that their money is not eaten up by an expensive set-up here, but rather by the present exchange arrangements.

From the beginning in Chengtu, we have been greatly encouraged by the steady financial assistance we have received from the Trustees. We can even at this distance understand something of the great efforts you have been making to obtain funds for our work, and we are doing our best to deserve the confidence you have shown in us.

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In spite of your efforts and ours, it is clear that as rising prices outstrip the slow increase in exchange rates, even the generous aid of the U.R.C. reaches a point where it can no longer increase. So we have determined to follow the example of other Christian Universities, and we are setting in motion a campaign to raise an Endowment Fund in China. We have set ourselves the goal of National Currency \$10,000,000, to be invested and provide an income from interest. The sum sounds tremendous, and we have to translate it back into prewar terms to hope that it may be attained. The response in Chengtu and Chungking, led by keen alumni, with members of the Board of Managers, such as Dr. H.H.Kung and Governor Chang Chun, has been very heartening. But it is too early yet to prophesy results.

You have shown a natural anxiety lest driven by financial need we should enter into agreements detrimental in the end to the best interests of the University. I think you may feel no misgivings - none of the gifts in this campaign, or any aid which we have so far received, has any strings to it, which now or later can influence the policy of the University. We have undertaken no entangling obligations.

Since coming to Chengtu, we have done our best to cooperate with other Christian Universities. We came into an already difficult situation, marked by many efforts but few successes. We feel that against that background we have made a good record in overcoming prejudices and working together. In Science, all Universities have agreed to non-overlapping in third and fourth year courses. Yenching has gone further with West China, and plans more cooperation, until next year, we hope, the departments of the two Colleges of Science, while preserving their identity, will function in each subject as one whole. Yenching has the only Political Science Department in Chengtu, but in the other Departments of the College of Public Affairs, Yenching students are regularly sent to courses offered by other Universities. Yenching courses are open to students of other Universities, but so far practically none have attended. In English Yenching contributes the whole of Miss Boynton's time to the 5-Universities Joint programme. In a previous report of mine you will find further information about inter-University cooperation.

We are looking forward to the arrival of Wei Yung Ching. From his excellent record of work with the Christian Fellowship in the past, we are confident that he will make a most valuable reinforcement. And the time of his coming is very promising, for now there is more interest in religion than we have ever had in the past. Among the 400 students we have 12 flourishing small religious groups, with 12 to 20 members each. Each has one or two faculty advisors, and is an ideal field through which a Christian faculty member can exercise a deep influence on his student friends. The large Fellowship has been well organised here by enthusiastic students, and while we cannot replace the intellectual and spiritual leadership of Dr. T.C.Chao, we do have a large number of teachers and students of consecrated life and inspiring spiritual experience.

We were very glad to have from you a clear statement of the financial situation of the Trustees, and the names of the funds which you have sent to us. For owing no doubt to the irregularity of the mails this is the first we have ever received.

We have recently sent further telegrams and letters urging that some repatriated faculty members come out as soon as possible. For when distances prevent proper contacts it is easy for misunderstandings to arise, and for points taken for granted by the people at one end to remain a mystery at the other. And so we feel that for the future good of the University, thorough understanding can now be achieved by /which personal links, should be immediately established.

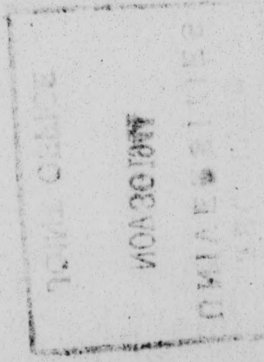
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Yours cordially,

F. P. Mei
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(Acting President)

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April 1, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtu

Dear Dr. Mei,

Since your letter to Miss Speer regarding the payment of back salaries to members of the faculty who came from Peking was received we have been working on a plan of remuneration in accordance with your suggestions. The attached list shows the results of our work.

Unfortunately we do not have all the records in this office which we would like to use. We do have a copy of the proposed budget for 1941-42 which is a great help. We have a record of all the salaries budgeted for the people which you listed down through Wu Jun-fang on our statement. We are not certain about Chou Chi-hsin's salary though the amount listed in the budget for an assistant was \$1020 or \$85 per month and we assume that was the amount paid to her. Probably her salary was the same as that of Wu Jun-fang. The last six people listed were presumably half-time student assistants since none of their names appear in the Faculty Directory for the year 1941-42. If so, we assume that they were paid the regular amount of \$50 per month for student assistants.

The exchange compensation is another uncertain factor in these calculations. I recall distinctly that 60% was the amount paid to full professors but I am not certain when the change was made from 60% to 70%. Miss Speer and I are inclined to think that only full time workers whose salaries were below \$100 per month received the higher exchange compensation rate. Student assistants who were working part time received exchange compensation at the rate of 35%, I believe. The reason for this low rate was that student fees and dormitory charges were increased very little if any after living costs in Peking had risen.

In your letter to Miss Speer you suggested the exchange rate of November 1941 as the rate which might be used. We have found in correspondence two rates of that period. They are 7.417 and 8.55 which average approximately 8. This is a convenient figure to use and we hope it proves satisfactory.

You also suggested in your letter to Miss Speer that back salaries be paid to a group of people whom you listed for the period ending July 31, 1942. Since December 1941 salaries were paid at Yenching and January 1942 salaries were paid in August at the Continental Bank in Peking we are including in this statement the payment of six months more, February to July inclusive.

The annuity payments present a very real problem. I have worked them out in this statement along the most generous lines possible. Perhaps it is too generous in view of the large number of people affected. The first question to settle is whether or not the people on your list who had joined the annuity scheme wish to continue paying on their policies. If they wish to withdraw permanently then the deductions made for annuity payments can be eliminated. If the people concerned desire to continue their membership in the annuity plan some provision must be made not only for past payments but also for future ones. The last payment made from the field to New York for annuity was for November 1941. Since there will be little time for making provision for payments during

the remaining months of the present fiscal year I have prepared figures for the whole period, December 1941 to June 1944 inclusive or 31 months. Working out in detail the annuity payment for a full professor at US\$9 per month for a period of 31 months, the amount required is US\$279. Deducting this amount from the payment which a professor would receive for salary for six months at the exchange rate of 8 to 1 or US\$432, the amount remaining would be US\$153, a discouragingly small amount. Using the exchange rate of 2 to 1 on annuity payments, the rate which was used in Peking, we find Chinese \$18 per month is required or for 31 months C\$558 which at the exchange rate of 8 to 1 is equivalent to US\$69.75. In the statement I have shown a deduction for 25 months in one item amounting to US\$56.25 for a full professor and regular deductions of C\$18 or US\$2.25 per month also for a professor covering the six months under consideration. This amounts to a total of US\$69.75. This plan in itself seems innocent enough but it sets a precedent for the future. In the first place it means that beginning with July 1, 1944 the Chengtu budget will have to provide for these annuity payments in U.S. currency less the amount paid by the individuals in local currency. In the second place, when the war is over and adjustments are made for people who are now in Peking, equally generous treatment will naturally be expected by them. The total cost to the University will no doubt be a large sum. If you see any other solution or if you find that members of the faculty are prepared to meet these payments on some less generous exchange rate we shall be glad to hear from you in regard to the matter.

Besides the people whose names were on your list there are some others who came to Chengtu later who also were members of the annuity plan and a few like you and Mr. Lapwood whose policies were in suspension while you were away from Peking. Altogether there were over 100 people who had joined the annuity scheme. It is an excellent plan and I hope no one will feel forced to withdraw and lose the benefits.

You will note that the sum shown on the attached statement for all of these payments is US\$3687.23 and that US\$286.80 is being deducted for annuity payments in U. S. Currency and the equivalent of US\$68.83 is being deducted in Chinese currency making a total of US\$4042.86. We assume that all the annuity money can be held here and that the amount of cash which you will require is US\$3687.23. * There may be some small adjustments which will require a little more.

I hope I have made this statement out in such a way that it will be clear to you. The annuity deductions add complications to a statement which might be quite simple without them.

Working in this office makes me feel that I have a small part in the work you are doing. Please give my greetings to friends in Chengtu. My very best wishes to you and V. K.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham

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Salary payments for Chengtu Faculty
February - July 1942

Name	Salary for 1 year	Basic Salary for 1 month	Annuity deduc- tion US\$ @ 2 : 1	Balance of sal. after annuity deduction	Exchange Comp. 60 % C\$	Salary for 1 month	Salary for 6 months	6 mo. Salary in US\$ @ 8:1	Annuity for 25 months US\$	Total Amount to be paid US\$	
Wu Chi-yu	4320	360	18.	342	205.20	547.20	3283.20	410.40	56.25	354.15 H	
Ch'en Shang-yi	3240	270	13.50	256.50	153.90	410.40	2462.40	307.80	42.19	265.61 H	
Cheng Lin-chuang	3240	270	13.50	256.50	153.90	410.40	2462.40	307.80	42.19	265.61 H	
*Chou Li-chiu	3240	270	-	270	162	432	2592	324		324 (H 224)	
Lin Chi-wu	2460	205	10.26	194.74	116.84	311.58	1869.48	233.69	32.06	201.63 H	
*Lu Hui-ch'ing	2460	205	10.26	194.74	116.84	311.58	1869.48	233.69	32.06	201.63 H	
Tu Lien-yueh	1860	155	-	155	93	248	1488	186		186 H	
*Chen Fang-chih	2460	205	-	205	123	328	1968	246		246 Pa FJC	
Cheng Kuan Jui-wu											
✱ (part time)	1200	100	-	100	60	160	960	120		120 H	
Liang Ssu-chuang	2640	220	-	220	132	352	2112	264		264 CHENG TU	
Yang Ming-chao	1680	140	7	133	79.80	212.80	1276.80	159.60	21.87	137.73 H	
Liao Ta'i-ch'u	2040	170	8.50	161.50	96.90	258.40	1550.40	193.80	26.56	167.24 CH	
Jung Yuan	1380	115	5.76	109.24	65.54	174.78	1048.68	131.08	18	113.08 ?	
Liu K'ai-hsien	1200	100	5	95	57	152	912	114	15.62	98.38 CH	
Huang Ju-wen	1260	105	-	105	63	168	1008	126	-	126 CH	

Exchange Comp.
@ 70 %

Liu Ching-yen	900	75	-	75	52.50	127.50	765	95.63	-	95.63 CH	
Wu Jun-fang	1020	85	-	85	59.50	144.50	867	108.38	-	108.38 H	
Chou Chi-hsin	1020	85	-	85	59.50	144.50	867	108.38	-	108.38 H	

Exchange Comp.
@ 35 %

Yin Ching-chih	50			50	17.50	67.50	405	50.63		50.63 H	
Chin Chun-teh	50			50	17.50	67.50	405	50.63		50.63 ?	
Kuan Chao-chih	50			50	17.50	67.50	405	50.63		50.63 H	
*T'ang Chi-hsueh	50			50	17.50	67.50	405	50.63		50.63 H	
Tseng Tz-pei	50			50	17.50	67.50	405	50.63		50.63 H	
Wang Chung-han	50			50	17.50	67.50	405	50.63		50.63 H	

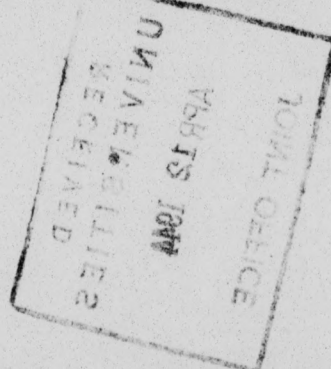
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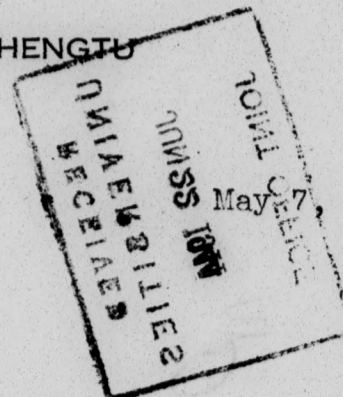
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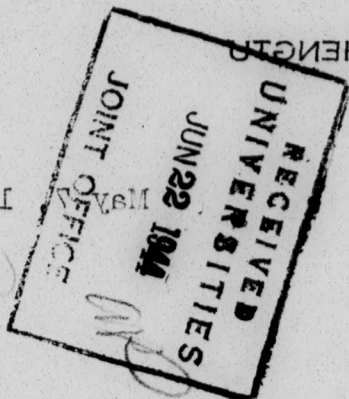
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May 9, 1944

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635 Berkeley Avenue,
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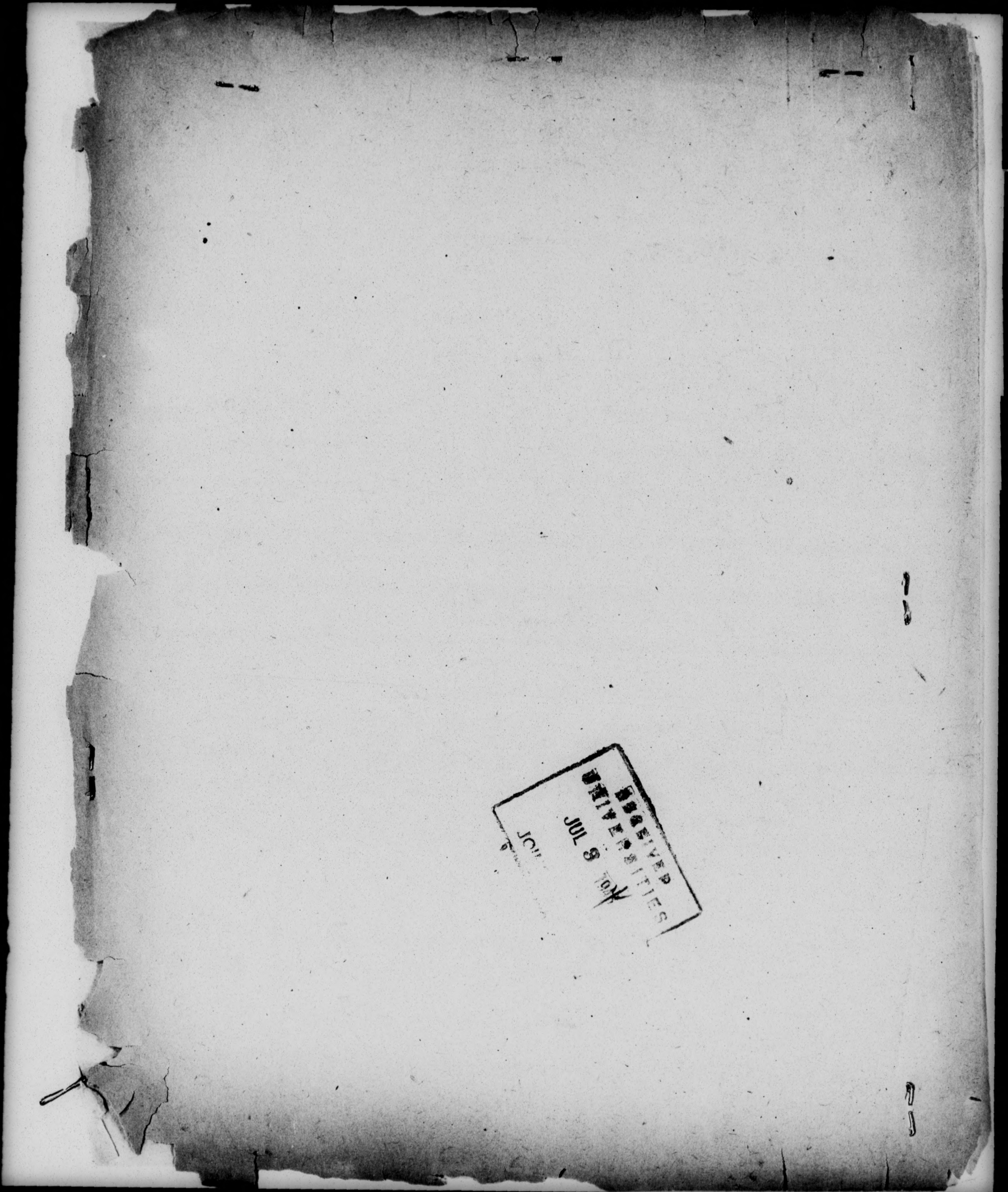
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150 Fifth Avenue,
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Dear Mr. Evans,

I wrote you last about a week ago enclosing a copy of the University Directory and a Bi-weekly Circular. Please have this material duplicated and sent to interested people at your discretion.

I have before me your letters of Jan 3 and Feb 17 mainly concerning the Harvard Yenching Fund. Over two years ago when we were talking about reopening Yenching in Free China, both Mr. Edwards and I had interviews with Dr. Charles Stelle of the Harvard Yenching Foundation who happened to be in China then. He felt we could count on a certain amount of support from the Foundation for the new project but advised caution and conservatism. Later we wrote Professor Elisseeff. In his reply of Dec 30 he informed us that

" The Trustees voted to approve a tentative budget for undergraduate studies at Yenching as follows:
L.C.\$125,000 for undergraduate and research teaching
and L.C.\$25,000 for the joint Journal, with the understanding that you will send us a statement shewing who the teachers are, their salaries and hours of lectures, the number of students, the names of their teachers who propose doing research work and what research projects they have in mind."

This is the only understanding we have been given regarding the scope of the H.Y. foundation support to Yenching in Chengtu. Of course it is far from being sufficient to maintain even the bare bone of Chinese studies. We wrote back on April 15th a full letter of three and a half sheets, and with much uncertainty proposed a budget of L.C.\$200,000 for 1942-43 and L.C.\$450,000 for 1943-44. We have never heard from Dr. Elisseeff since, and your office has not discussed the matter of the H.Y. fund until very recently. All along we have been working on the understanding that the total income available for Yenching in Chengtu from the H.Y. fund is L.C.\$150,000 per year. We noticed the figures of U.S.\$22,368.44 in one of your financial tabulations, but we did not know what it meant nor did we think it had anything to do with us in the Field.

I am sorry our report to the H.Y. Foundation for 1942-43 went as late as last November. We shall be more punctual about this hereafter. That report must have answered most of the questions you raised in your letter of Feb 17. We should be glad to be informed as to Dr. Elisseeff's reactions to the report. In connection with that report you will note, we have submitted a revised budget for the current year with a total of L.C.\$660,000 = U.S.\$22,000. This is the required minimum to carry on the work in Chinese studies actually in operation in Chengtu.

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Your letter of Feb 21 discussing the misunderstanding concerning Field income for 1942-43 has arrived and been studied by Mr. Hausske and myself. We are glad that you can understand how we have arrived at our interpretation of the situation from the relevant correspondence. Your third paragraph in this letter begins with the following sentence, "The figures which you set forth in your letter are correct and some way must be worked out to clear the deficit in China." We take it to mean that some way must be worked out by New York to clear the deficit in China. Miss Priest warns us our books for that year have long been closed and we have no way of readjustment to meet such a large discrepancy in figures.

The point regarding our low tuition fee is well taken. It will take several paragraphs to give a full explanation of the present analogous but prevailing situation that it takes a student much less to go through College than Middle school in China today. Briefly we might point out that the tuition rates are uniform for all five Christian Universities in Chengtu. The private middle schools are mostly on a self-supporting basis. The fact that the Christian universities in Chengtu have been collecting next to nothing from the students has gone a long way in securing Government grants either in money or in rice and in enlisting public good will. The five institutions here have decided to raise tuition fees for the next year, and we are budgetting an income of L.C.\$1,500 per student. But, as a matter of fact, with the large number of students from the North who are entirely cut off from support, the actual receipt of the university on this item will not be augmented as much as it appears.

The down payment for the Science building may be regarded as an example of how easy it is to hold quite contradictory views at the two ends of the great distance separating Chengtu and New York. Out here, Yenching people as well as their friends including Dr. William Fenn consider the operation of the Yenching Natural Science College on the campus and in close collaboration with the W.C.U.U. Natural Science College a good example of happy academic cooperation. We wish space could be found for a good deal more or all of our work to be done on the campus. As to the fact that the authorities over the buildings and the grounds on the campus decided to make a charge for the use of the space, we have no choice in the matter neither any complaint. Unless it is decided to conduct the five units in Chengtu as one with a unified budget and with all resources placed under one control, some such payments for services are probably unavoidable.

Mr. Hausske has been informed of the available funds for the fire victims. He is consulting the individuals concerned as to how they wish to have their shares handled.

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W. C. U. U.
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New York City, N.Y.

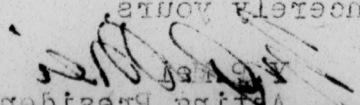
Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter of Feb 21 discussing the misunderstanding concerning
my field income for 1943-44 has arrived and been studied by Mr. Hsu
and myself. We are glad that you can understand how we have arrived at
our interpretation of the situation from the relevant correspondence.
Your third paragraph in this letter begins with the following sentence:
"The figures which you set forth in your letter are correct and some
way must be worked out to clear the deficit in China." We take it to
mean that some way must be worked out by New York to clear the deficit
in China. Miss Priest warns us our books for that year have long been
closed and we have no way of readjustment to meet such a large disapp-
eancy in figures.

The point regarding our low tuition fee is well taken. It will
take several paragraphs to give a full explanation of the present and
future but prevailing situation that it takes a student much less to go
through College than middle school in China today. Briefly we might
point out that the tuition rates are uniform for all five Christian
Universities in Chengto. The private middle schools are mostly on a
self-supporting basis. The fact that the Christian universities in
Chengto have been collecting next to nothing from the students has gone
a long way in securing government grants either in money or in rice and
in enlisting public good will. The five institutions here have decided
to raise tuition fees for the next year, and we are budgeting an income
of U.S. \$2,500 per student. But as a matter of fact with the large number
of students from the North who are entirely cut off from support, the
actual receipt of the university on this item will not be augmented as
much as it appears.

The down payment for the Science building may be regarded as an
example of how easy it is to hold outside contradictory views at the two
ends of the great distance separating Chengto and New York. Out here,
Yenching people as well as their friends including Dr. William Tenn con-
sider the operation of the Yenching Natural Science College on the campus
and in close collaboration with the U.S.U. Natural Science College a
good example of happy academic cooperation. We wish space could be found
for a good deal more or all of our work to be done on the campus. As to
the fact that the authorities over the buildings and the grounds on the
campus decided to make a charge for the use of the space, we have no
choice in the matter neither any complaint. Unless it is decided to
conduct the five units in Chengto as one with a unified budget and with
all resources placed under one control, some such payments for services
are probably unavoidable.

Mr. Hsu has been informed of the available funds for the
five victims. He is consulting the individuals concerned as to how they
wish to have their shares handled.

Sincerely yours,

Acting President.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENG TU
CHENG TU CHINA

CABLE ADDRESS
YENYA

May 13, 1944

Mr. Carl A. Evans
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City. 11

Dear Mr. Evans,

In an earlier letter I mentioned that Dr. ~~Wai~~ Yung ching had arrived in India and is expected in Chengtu shortly. He has not turned up yet. I hope to have an opportunity soon to see him either in Chengtu or Chungking. We shall naturally go into the question of his work in Yenching and how he could also assist and serve the Y.M.C.A. I wonder what is your understanding with him regarding his treatment. We hope the procedure will be for us to assign him a definite rank and basic salary according to our regulations. Then we can report to you and collect the same from the special source for his support.

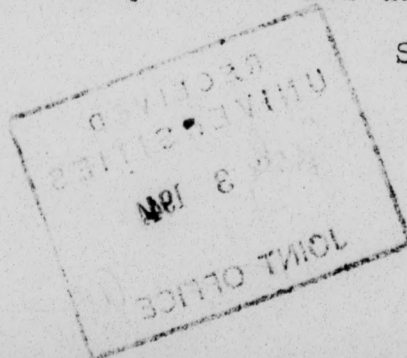
College of Public Affairs The R.F. must have informed you of their decision to grant the C.P.A. of Yenching U.S.\$15,000 for 1944-45. We were all very happy to get the cable which means a ~~considerable~~ relief to the budget difficulty for the coming year, but which must also mean that Dr. Balfour is well satisfied with the work of the C.P.A. in Chengtu. We are happy to have any indication of confidence from our friends, especially as we are struggling so hard to maintain standards. *some*

The Missouri proposition of contributing Prof. Edith Marken to Yenching for a year seems to be difficult to carry out. There is still, however, one little complication about it. Months ago we sent a request to the Ministry of Education to facilitate Miss Marken's travel to China. A few weeks ago the Ministry informed us that they had decided to contribute U.S.\$1,500 towards Miss Marken's travel expenses and had requested our Embassy in Washington to hand this money to Miss Marken. We wrote back immediately to request that the money be temporarily kept in your office until it became definitely clear whether the proposition can go through or not. To have a sum of money sent over to Miss Marken by the Chinese Government at this time might make confusion worse confounded. We are not certain, however, the Ministry can change the arrangement in time. Distance and difficulty in communication these days certainly do not contribute to the smooth conduct of business. I am afraid we just have to do the best as things come up.

I have been trying to catch up with correspondence with members and friends of Yenching in America. I hope your office will do me the favour of filling in the addresses and attending to the mailing of the enclosure. The sheet of Yenching Titbits is meant for all members of Yenching. Could you kindly see to its duplication and distribution?

Sincerely yours,

W. P. Mei
Acting President.



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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENGTO
CHENGTO CHINA

CABLE ADDRESS
YENTAI

May 12, 1944

Mr. Carl A. Evans
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans,

In an earlier letter I mentioned that Dr. Yang Ching had arrived in India and is expected in Chengtu shortly. He has not turned up yet. I hope to have an opportunity soon to see him either in Chengtu or Chungking. We shall naturally go into the question of his work in Yenching and how he could also assist and serve the Y. U. A. I wonder what is your understanding with him regarding his treatment. We hope the procedure will be for us to assist him a definite term and basic salary according to our regulations. Then we can report to you and collect the same from the special source for his support.

The R. F. must have informed you of their decision to grant the U. R. A. of Yenching U. S. \$15,000 for 1944-45. We were all very happy to get the cable which means a considerable relief to the budget difficulty for the coming year, but which also means that Dr. Balfour is well satisfied with the work of the U. R. A. in Chengtu. We are happy to have any indication of confidence from our friends, especially as we are struggling so hard to maintain standards.

The Missouri proposition of contributing from \$100,000 to Yenching for a year seems to be difficult to carry out. There is still, however, one little complication about it. Months ago we sent a request to the Ministry of Education to facilitate Miss Larson's travel to China. A few weeks ago the Ministry informed us that they had decided to contribute U. S. \$1,500 towards Miss Larson's travel expenses and had requested our Embassy in Washington to hand this money to Miss Larson. We wrote back immediately to request that the money be temporarily kept in your office until it became definitely clear whether the proposition can go through or not. We have a sum of money sent over to Miss Larson by the Chinese Government at this time which might cause some confusion. We are not certain however the Ministry can change the arrangement in time. Missions and difficulty in communication these days certainly do not contribute to the smooth conduct of business. I am afraid we just have to do the best as things come up.

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Sincerely yours,

Acting President.



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OFFICIAL LISTENING POST

FOR

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION—REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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APRIL 3, 1944 - 1458 OMT - 9635 KC. & 7171 KC. - ARTICLE #5.

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE FOR DR. HSIA IS ENTITLED "TRAVELING
SUBSIDY FOR AMERICAN PROFESSOR."

MINISTER OF EDUCATION CHEN LI-FU HAS GRANTED A SUBSIDY OF ONE
THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (U.S.) TO THE JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT OF
YENCHING UNIVERSITY FOR THE TRAVELING EXPENSES TO CHINA OF MISS EDITH
MARKEN, EXCHANGE PROFESSOR FROM THE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF MISSOURI.

MISS MARKIN RECEIVED HER APPOINTMENT LAST SUMMER FROM DEAN F. L.
MOTT OF THE MISSOURI SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM. COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES
IN WAR TIME, HOWEVER, HAVE PREVENTED HER FROM COMING TO CHINA DURING THE
CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT OF YENCHING UNIVERSITY WAS ESTABLISHED
WITH FUNDS DONATED BY THE MISSOURI SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM. BEFORE THE OUT-
BREAK OF THE SINO-JAPANESE WAR THE TWO UNIVERSITIES MAINTAINED EXCHANGE
PROFESSORSHIPS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS FELLOWSHIPS.

- CONCLUSION #5 -

from Y. P. Mei

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May 15, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Acting President
Yenching University
Chengtzu, Szechwan
China.

Dear Dr. Mei:

I have before me your letters of January 14 and March 10. This should begin with an apology for not even having acknowledged the earlier one before this. As a matter of fact it almost took my breath away, and I am sure that my wife was even more affected by it. The thought of putting in some, or all of the remaining years we shall have for active service in China on the Yenching campus is about as pleasant a prospect as we could entertain. How in the world I would qualify for a position on the faculty remains a mystery. Of course, you would not expect anyone really to take Dr. Galt's place, but at the same time one who filled the vacancy created by his retirement in the American Board's quota would necessarily be associated in many people's minds with him. The most advanced teaching that I have ever done was a group of American High School seniors among the bunch of Presbyterians with whom I lived during my months of detainment at Manila. That was catch-as-catch-can instruction in American history, and while the teacher probably learned several times more than any of his pupils, the experience would hardly qualify me for any of the chairs at Yenching.

Of course your letter reached me just as negotiations in connection with this present work were reaching a climax. As you suggest, there are family responsibilities which ~~I now feel sure~~ would keep us in this country for the present regardless of the war situation. As long as my wife's mother is living it will be for us to provide her with a home as she has no other relatives to whom she can turn. This is a factor in everything we plan and do. As you know my appointment here with the China Colleges is for a three year period with later arrangements left open on both sides. In fact Dr. Fairfield feels that should the way be completely open for us to return to China even before the expiration of that period it can probably be arranged. On the other hand, should I become so deeply involved in this work, and find it so congenial that it appeals to me as a place where I can make the greatest contribution to China, the expectation would be that I might stay on.

So you see it is quite impossible to say at the present anything more than that I appreciate very much the invitation you have given me. I believe you understand that no definitive answer could be given now regarding a future which would begin in China, probably not less than three years from now, and that many things may happen in the meantime both here and there.

We are just through a solid week of trustees', founders', governors' and special committees' meetings of the various institutions. ~~When~~ I came on the job just as the spree began, and, believe me, it has been a thorough going initiation.

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Dr. Y. P. Mei

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May 15, 1944

Sooner or later I shall be writing you in regard to some business matters. For the time being please just let me say that everything that has come to light regarding the problems you face and the determination you are showing, has increased my admiration for all of you who carry on in the midst of so many difficulties.

Please give my very best regards to many of our North China group. Later I shall be writing them all.

Very sincerely yours,

Earle H. Ballou
Executive Secretary

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Via: China Clipper
CC : Next Clipper

May 17, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Acting President
Yenching University
Chengt'u, Szechwan
China.

Dear Dr. Mei:

Re: Annual Report to N. Y. State Department of Education

Herewith a copy of the Annual Financial Report of the Trustees of Yenching University for the year ending June 30, 1943 as finally transmitted to the New York State Education Department. This is based on the report forwarded to us by Mr. H. W. Robinson under date January 26, 1944. The figures are given, however, in U.S. currency, the method of conversion being explained below. We have also inserted figures for the funds invested in plant, because Mr. Robinson said this information was not obtainable in Chengtu. It should be noted, however, that expenditure of US \$45,000 for temporary buildings in Chengtu have not been included under plant but inserted under item #66 "other purposes," because they are not part of the permanent plant.

The statistical report was copied without change.

In getting the rate for conversion of Chinese national currency into U.S. currency, the first step was to study Mr. Robinson's report for New York as well as the more detailed treasurer's report and to note where a definite sum in U.S. dollars or British pounds was converted into a stated number of Chinese dollars, as for example when US \$45,000 for temporary buildings is given as NC \$1,172,883.97, the Rockefeller grant of US \$4,000 is given as NC \$117,040.00, the British Aid to China Fund gift of £2,000 (US \$8,080.00) is given as NC \$159,171.00. Then the remaining transactions were averaged and a rate obtained therefrom, to be used for converting income and expenditure in national currency into US currency. The calculation was as follows: -

Funds from Trustees	US \$50,000	
Funds from Woman's College	16,636	
Funds from UCR (initial)	45,000	
Funds from UCR (regular)	50,000	
	<u>US\$160,636</u>	NC \$3,439,045.11
Subtract UCR (initial)	45,000	1,172,883.97
	<u>115,636</u>	<u>2,266,161.14</u>
Add Rockefeller grant	4,000	117,040.00
Add British fund £2,000	8,080	159,171.00
	<u>US\$127,716</u>	<u>NC \$2,542,372.14</u>

Hence rate is 1 to 19.90645.

I trust this letter will reach you in time to assist you in making up the report for the current year. Please note that the forms as now printed use "code numbers" for most of the items. This may make it easier for you to transcribe your report.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENG TU
CHENG TU CHINA

CABLE ADDRESS
YENTA

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May 15, 1944

Miss Mary Cookingham
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City, 11.

Dear Cookie,

You are one of those people who have been much in our thoughts but whom we have not yet written. Then your clear and definite letter of April 1 concerning back salary arrived a couple of days ago. The very patience and detail in which you discuss some item of business is heart-warming. We are so used to correspondence from the Office of another kind that such a letter as you have written is almost surprising. I am checking up with the people involved on the figures which might require some minor correction. Miss Chou Kuo-ping has since arrived and should be included in the list. I notice you have calculated "Exchange Comp" on the basis of salary minus annuity deduction. Whereas in Peking actually it was done on basic salary without the deduction. Then the question of fixing an exchange rate for the individual's contribution to the Annuity Plan must yet be thrashed out. The 2:1 rate was adopted when the market rate was 3.3:1. Now the official rate is 40:1 and open market varies from 100:1 to 300:1. As you pointed out the burden on the University will be quite considerable. As such a large number of people are involved, I should not like to see anything done to the comparatively small group here in Chengtu to set up a precedent for all other cases that may embarrass the University. I shall ask a group here including Ralph Lapwood and Mr. Hauske to study into the thing and possibly present a recommendation. But I feel you and your group in New York may be even better qualified to work out the plan in consultation with the Insurance Co. that will be generally applicable.

I started out to write you a personal note and not to discuss the problem involved in your letter as we have not given sufficient thought to them. I have to go to Chungking to help winding up our \$10,000,000 campaign. I am afraid I shall not be able to reply to your letter in any definite manner before I return from the trip, and I want to write you personally on the first opportunity this Monday morning. We are so glad to hear that you are working and helping in the Office in New York. It shows that you are not too much of a physical wreck after months of camp life and what not, and it also gives hope that we might begin to get some light about our American end. We understand that Marnie and Ran will be able to join us probably next fall. We hope that before long all members of the Yenching family may be reassembled on our own campus.

V.K. and the whole host of your friends in Chengtu join me in sending you our warmest regards,

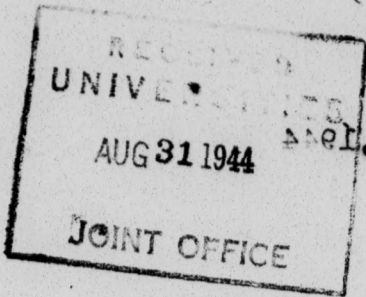
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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENGTO
CHENGTO CHINA



CABLE ADDRESS
YENYU

YMW/PC/44

Miss Mary Cookingham
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City, N.Y.

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Sincerely yours,

V.K. Meier
V.K. Meier

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

For the year ending June 30, 1943

To the New York State Education Department

This annual report is required by law to be transmitted to the Department on or before July 1, 1943

Explanations Applicable to the Financial Report

This financial report follows the form recommended by the National Committee on Standard Reports for Institutions of Higher Education. Table 1 represents a report drawn from the credit side of the balance sheet and is designed to show the nature and amount of the several classes of funds utilized by the institution. Table 2 shows the changes in the several classes of funds during the fiscal year. It is important that the balance of each class of funds shown in table 2 should agree with the amount of that class as reported in table 1. Table 3 shows the current income of the fiscal year and table 4 shows the current expenditures of the fiscal year.

Should any interpretation of tables 1 or 2 be required, reference may be made to pages 49 to 63 of Financial Reports of Colleges and Universities, published by the National Committee on Standard Reports. For your guidance in preparing these tables and in preparing tables 3 and 4 the explanations of items are given on the last page of this report.

TABLE 1 - STATEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES

U.S. Currency

	Code	Funds (1) ^a	Liabilities (2) ^b (8x29)	Total (1) plus (2) (8x39)
Current funds (item 1)				
General.	8199	\$	\$	
Restricted.	8299			
Endowment funds (item 2).	8399	2,035,023.04		2,035,023.04
Funds functioning as endowment (item 3).	8499			
Annuity funds (item 4).	8599	1,507.10		1,507.10
Loan funds (loanable principal (item 5).	8699			
Plant funds				
Funds invested in plant (item 6a).	3799	2,538,939.74		2,538,939.74
Plant funds unexpended (item 6b)	5899	128,636.25		128,636.25
Agency funds.	8999			
Undesignated funds.	3099			
Total Institutional Funds and Liabilities	8x19	\$4,704,106.13	\$	\$4,704,106.13

Funds owned by the institution and utilized in its activities.

b Funds borrowed by the institution and utilized in its activities.

*Accumulated deficits. The foregoing table is drawn from the credit side of the balance sheet. Any fund balance reported under item 1—general above represents current general fund surplus. This table makes no provision for reporting deficits since these are ordinarily shown as debits on balance sheet. If there was an accumulated deficit at the close of the year, indicate the amount: \$. The accumulated deficit should appear as a minus quantity in reporting current general fund balances in table 2, item 1.

TABLE 2 - SCHEDULES SHOWING THE CHANGES DURING THE YEAR IN THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF FUNDS

Item 1 Statement of Current Funds, Showing a Summary of Current Income, Expenditures and Surplus

	Code	Total
Balance, beginning of year		
General (unrestricted) funds.	1001	\$.....
Restricted funds.	1002	.....
Current income (See table 3)		\$.....
Educational and general.	1099	\$ 216,240.17
Auxiliary enterprises and activities	1199	.....
Other noneducational income.	1299	67,109.65
Current expenditures (See table 4)		283,349.62
Educational and general.	2099	162,779.13
Auxiliary enterprises and activities.....	2199	
Other noneducational expenditures.	2299	78,644.28
Excess or deficiency of income for year		241,423.41
Other additions and deductions (net)		
Balance at end of year		41,926.41
		41,926.41

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TABLE 2 - ITEM 1 continued

U.S. Currency

Consisting of (20)		Code		Total	
General (unrestricted) funds (Transfer to table 1)	8199	\$	\$ 15,402.46	\$	
Restricted funds (Transfer to table 1)	8299		26,523.95		
Items 2, 3, 4 and 5. Statement of Nonexpendable funds					
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	Item 2 Endowment Funds (8399)	Item 3 Funds Temporarily Functioning (8499) As Endowment	Item 4 Annuity Funds (8599)	Item 5 Loan Funds (8699)	
Balance (invested and uninvested) in					
funds at beginning of year	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Additions during year:					
Receipts from:					
Public appropriations					
Private gifts and grants					
Earnings and profit on investment					
Credited to principal account					
Transfers from current funds to					
nonexpendable funds					
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Deductions during year (specify)					
Balance at end of year (20) Transfer					
to table 1)	\$	\$	\$	\$	

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Item 6a Statement of Funds Invested in Plant²

TABLE 2 - Continued

U.S. Currency

Plant is now occupied by the Japanese	Total	Code
Value of Plant at beginning of year.	\$2,539,939.74	3011
Additions during year.		3021
Total.	2,539,939.74	3039
Deductions during year.	1,000.00	3031
Value of plant at end of year (Details given below).	2,538,939.74	3041
Less: Endowment funds invested in plant (Transfer the total of these loans outstanding against plant two items to table 1, column 2).		
Net invested in plant at end of year (20) (Transfer to table 1, column 1).	2,538,939.74	3051
VALUE OF PHYSICAL PLANT OWNED BY INSTITUTION: (detail of item above)		3799
Value of grounds.	207,714.83	3791
Value of all buildings.	2,208,661.98	3792
Value of all equipment, including libraries.	122,562.93	3793
Value of all dormitories, included above.	438,773.38	3794

Item 6b Statement of Unexpended Plant Funds³

Receipts for Capital Outlay - Plant Extension	Total	Code
Balance in designated plant funds at beginning of year.	126,829.22	4011
Receipts during year: Public appropriations and tax levies		
Federal.	\$.....	
State. . . . .	.....	
County. . . . .	.....	
City and district. . . . .	.....	4021
Private gifts, grants and benefactions. . . . .	.....	4022
Other sources (earnings and profits on investments).	807.03	4023
Transfer or expenditures from current funds (not loans):		
From educational and general funds. . . . .	.....	
From auxiliary enterprises and activities funds. . . . .	.....	4031
Other receipts for plant extensions (describe):	1,000.00	4041
Loans for plant extension. . . . .	.....	
Total receipts and balances (including transfers or expenditures from other funds).	\$ 128,636.25	4999

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Expenditures for Capital Outlay - Plant Extension³ (If possible, include all capital expenditures below under expenditures from plant funds, although they have been included under table 4. Otherwise separately report the amounts spent from educational and general funds and from auxiliary enterprises funds during the year for capital outlays, plant extension and new equipment.)

	Total	Code
From plant funds or all funds for:	\$	
Land.	\$.....	
New buildings.		
Additions to existing buildings.		
Improvements other than buildings.		
New equipment		
From educational and general funds (if not included above).	\$.....	5051
From auxiliary enterprises and activities funds (if not included above).		5052
Loans paid from plant funds.		
Balance in Designated Plant Funds at close of year (20) (Transfer to table 1, column).	\$.....	5899

Item 7 Agency Funds, and
Item 8 Undesignated Funds may be reported if held by the institution on forms similar to that used in reporting Items 2, 3, 4, and 5.

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TABLE 3 - CURRENT INCOME 4.5

1955-56 Current

Income for Educational and General Purposes		Total	Code
Student fees (6) (for matriculation, laboratory, library, etc., but NOT including fees for auxiliary enterprises and activities, such as athletics, infirmary etc., given in items 21 to 28)			
1 Resident departments.....	\$ 7,093.42		1019
2 Extension departments.....		\$ 7,093.42	
Endowment (7) (Interest, including income from 1862, and other public and private endowments, but not including additions to principal of endowment funds):			
3 From federal endowment (1862 and other land grants).....	42,000.00		
4 From other endowment for general purposes.....	40,047.84		1029
5 From other endowment for restricted purposes.....		82,047.84	
Receipts from other public sources for current expenses: (8)			
6 Federal appropriations.....			
7 State appropriations and tax levies.....			
8 County appropriations and tax levies.....			
9 City or district appropriations or tax levies.....			1049
Gifts and grants from private sources (including foundations, for current expenses):			
10 Permanent (recurring) grants from churches and boards.....	23,192.00		
11 Other grants (not automatically recurring) from churches and boards.....	70,285.19		
12 Estimated salary equivalent of nonsalaried personal service rendered	* 11,000.00		
13 Other gifts.....	22,618.72	127,098.91	1039
Sales and services of educational departments (gross income): 9			
14 Agriculture.....			
15 Dental school.....			
16 Others (itemize).....			1049
Receipts from other sources for educational and general purposes: 10			
17 Interest on current funds.....			
18 Net income from rented property (excluding residence halls).....			
19 Other sources.....			1049
20 Total Educational and General Receipts (Transfer total to table 2).....	\$216,240.17	\$ 216,240.17	1099

*This sum does not include payments made to the accounts of members of faculty in internment camps.

Income for Auxiliary Enterprises and Activities 11 (Gross figures unless otherwise indicated, including receipts from student fees for these purposes. Give figures even though not handled through college office)

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	Total	Code
21 Residence halls	\$.....	1111
22 Dining halls		1122
23 Student hospital or infirmary		1121
24 College bookstores		1122
25 Athletics (if handled separately from physical education budget) excluding shares of visiting teams		
26 Student unions		1123
27 Other activities		1124
		1125

28 Total (Transfer total to table 2) \$..... 1199

Income to be Used for Noneducational Purposes (12) (excepting auxiliary enterprises and activities and capital outlays)

	Total	Code
Income from investments (interest):		
29 For annuities to beneficiaries (usually from funds subject to annuity)	\$.....	
30 For fellowships, scholarships, and other student aid (not loans) when NO service is required in return	2,155.00	1211
31 From gifts to be used for scholarships, student aid etc. (not loans) when NO service is required in return	2,155.00	1212
32 Other receipts for noneducational purposes	19,954.65	1213
	45,000.00	

33 Total (Transfer total to table 2) \$ 67,109.65 1299

34 Total Current Income \$283,349.82 1999

TABLE 4 - EXPENDITURES FOR CURRENT PURPOSES* (U. S. Currency)

Expenditures for Educational and General Purposes (including equipment purchased from general current funds)		Total	Code
General administration and expenses: 13			
35 General administrative offices	\$ 31,457.11	\$ 33,889.43	2019
36 General expense	2,432.32		
Resident instruction and departmental research: (14)			
37 Colleges, schools and departments (including nonbudgeted research)	72,552.52		2029
38 Organized activities relating to instructional departments, such as medical school hospitals, dental or legal clinics, creameries, museums etc.		72,552.52	
Organized research, separately budgeted: (15)			
39 Agricultural experiment station	.....		
40 Bureau of educational research	.....		
41 Engineering experiment station	.....		
42 Others	.....		2029
Extension (all extension services and correspondence courses): (16)			
43 Agricultural	.....		
44 Engineering	.....		
45 General university extension courses	4,079.04		2049
46 Others	.....		
47 Libraries (including salaries, other operating expenses and purchase of books and binding) (17)	11,055.99	11,055.99	2049
Operation and maintenance of physical plant, and other general services: (18)			
48 Physical plant	13,990.12		
49 Other general services	27,212.03	41,202.15	2039
50 Total for Educational and General Purposes (Transfer total to table 2) 162,779.13		\$162,779.13	2099
Amount included above expended for:			
51 Administrative and professional salaries	76,596.54		
52 Other personal services (clerical, operation and maintenance)	3,298.58		
53 For capital outlays (new equipment)	18,033.45		

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Expenditures for Auxiliary Enterprises and Activities (Gross figures unless otherwise indicated, including all expenditures for salaries, other operating expenses and capital outlays from current funds. Give figures even though not handled through college office.)

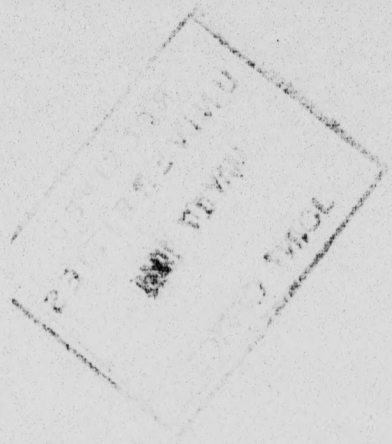
	Total	Code
54 Residence halls	\$.....	2111
55 Dining halls		2112
56 Student hospital or infirmary		2121
57 College bookstore		2122
58 Athletics (if handled separately from physical education budget) excluding shares of visiting teams		2123
59 Student unions		2124
60 Other activities		2125

61 Total (Transfer total to table 2) \$..... 2199

Expenditures for Noneducational Purposes 19 (except auxiliary enterprises and capital outlays)

	Total	Code
62 Annuities	\$.....	2211
63 Interest on loans	.....	2212
64 Financial campaigns	.....	2213
65 Fellowships, scholarships, and other student aid NOT involving services to institution or repayment	33,644.28	2214
66 Other purposes (Temporary buildings on rented property)	45,000.00	2215
67 Total (Transfer total to table 2)	78,644.28	2299

68 Total expenditures for current purposes 241,423.41 2999



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08	Total expenditures for current purposes	541,153.71	3000
01	Total (Transfer total to page 5)	18,211.58	5500
06	Other purposes (Government buildings on leased property)	12,000.00	5512
02	Institution of reformat	2,911.58	5514
07	Religious, educational, and other student aid NOT involving services to		5513
03	Financial assistance		5515
05	Interest on loans		5517
05	Unreimbursed		

Expenditures for noncurrent purposes
19 (except university expenses and capital outlays)

01	Total (Transfer total to page 5)		5100
00	Other activities		5152
02	Student unions		5154
	of assisting persons		5153
03	Appellate (if handled separately from physical education subject) excluding expenses		5155
04	College for women		5157
05	Student hospital or infirmary		5158
06	Dining halls		5159
07	Residence halls		5161

Notes: Give figures even though not handled through college office.
Including all expenditures for salaries, other operating expenses and capital outlays from current
expenditures for university expenses and activities (Gross figures unless otherwise indicated)

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENG TU
CHENG TU CHINA

CABLE ADDRESS
YENTA

YPM/PC/56

May 22, 1944

Miss Mary Cookingham

Dear Cookie,

I wrote you a few days ago, a sort of personal letter that is very much loaded with business discussion. I have since set Hausske, Lapwood and Cheng Lin-Cuang to work on the Annuity Problem. We hope to have a few recommendations to make about it before long.

In talking that matter over with Ralph Lapwood, I am reminded that I should make a personal application for renewal of my participation in the plan. Whatever the final discussion re. individual contribution, it will still be greatly to the advantage of the participants, and it is a good plan anyway.

I left the University in June 1938, and have stopped payments since. I wonder what are the regulations regarding renewal after such a long lapse. If the regulations rule me out, I have nothing to say. But if there is some way of fixing it up I shall be very happy to be included and to do what is required of me.

We also discussed the point of giving the new members of the University a chance to join. Somebody from Peking told us that admission had already been closed and new participants cannot be considered. I suppose that is a fact.

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei
Y.P. Mei

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
CHENG KANG

CABLE ADDRESS
YENKA

Mr. T. C. Lee

July 2, 1944

Dear Mr. Lee,

Dear Mr. Lee,

I wrote you a few days ago, a copy of which I have just
sent you by mail. I am very glad to hear from you and
hope you are well. I am sure you will find the
letter of interest.

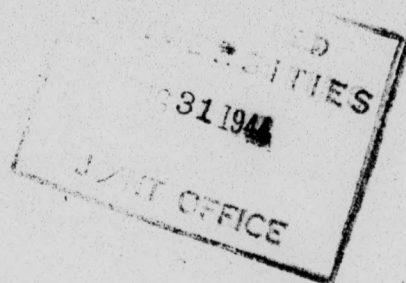
In talking with Mr. Lee, I have learned that you
are interested in the work of the Yenching University
and that you are interested in the work of the
Yenching University.

I left the University in June 1943, and have since
been working in the Yenching University. I have
been working in the Yenching University since June 1943.

We also have a number of other people who are
interested in the work of the Yenching University.
I am sure you will find the letter of interest.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Lee
W. L. Lee



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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENG TU
CHENG TU CHINA

CABLE ADDRESS
YENTA

YPM/PC/57

May 22, 1944

Mr. Carl A. Evans
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, 11.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I have your note of April 17 and Dr. Corbett's circular of April 15, both of which have come in very good time.

I have forwarded the admission statements to Miss Kuang who is at the present on the University staff. She has also received duplicate copies from Dr. Kramer herself.

All of us here have been following the developments of the exchange situation with keen interest. Unfortunately commodity costs have recently taken a sharper and sharper curve in their rise. So much so that even if we were assured of a 100:1 exchange rate, the Universities will still present a considerable deficit each in their next year budget if they try to maintain their present scope.

In consultation with Dr. Fenn, the 5 Universities in Chengtu are making a desperate effort at closer cooperation and economy. Dr. Cressey is also here just now. Some results must be produced these next few weeks.

Enclosed please find another "Biweekly Letter" for circulation.

Sincerely yours,

Y.P. Mei

Y.P. Mei

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENG TU
CHENG TU CHINA

CABLE ADDRESS
YENTA

June 24, 1944

Mr. C.A. Evans
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I was in Chungking last May 23 to June 9. On my return I read several communications from New York, the circular re correspondence of April 24, minutes of ABCCC Executive Committee meeting, of April 5 and Dr. Corbett's circular of May 2 digesting those minutes. Your cable reply concerning Dr. Stuart's condition is very welcome assurance indeed.

Dr. H.W. Kung, our Chancellor and Chairman of Board of Directors, and his party are already on their way to America. Dr. Kung is proud of his Yenching connection. We have cabled you as follows: "SUGGEST YENCHING CONSTITUENCY ALTHOUGH NEW YORK WASHINGTON FIELD WORKING INCLUDE DIRECTORS HISACHINASSIUM CHANG HUNGCHIA WUET KUNG FACILITATE GOVERNMENT PASSAGE SPEER SAILER FORKING RETURN CHINA REEL". We hope especially that steps will be taken to employ his influence to facilitate the projected trip of our 3 colleagues including 2 women. We have learned that it was mainly because of his request that one Chinese and three American women have been able to come to Chengtu to join the Y.W.C.A. National Committee.

Enclosed herewith are copies of:

Minutes of Joint Meeting of Sub-Committees of Board of Directors
Acting President's Report May 20, 1944 (with appended statistic tables)
Summary of Preliminary Budget of 1944-45
presented at the meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Board of Directors.
Revised Summary of Preliminary Budget 1944-45
Biweekly letter Series No. 3 by Mr. H.W. Robinson

The budget for 1944-45 is, of course, cause of a lot of headaches. Briefly we might say that the Summary represents what we feel is needed and that results in a deficit of nearly L.C. \$10,000,000. We have spent much effort trying desperately to balance the budget. The revised summary gives such an appearance. The reduction has come in two ways. One in actually cuts on extension, all expenses, and some staff. And two in recalculating the figures on the basis Miss Priest worked out for the other 4 institutions. There is a considerable discrepancy between her basis and ours. While adopting her basis in order to be on comparable terms with the other 4 institutions and in order to make the task of balancing the budget possible, we are still fearful that the provisions may be found inadequate as the months go by. Mr. Hausske is ~~not~~ writing out the full budget and a copy will be sent to you when ready. But these summaries will give you a rough idea as to how the matter stands at the present and as to some of the stages in the development.

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C.A.Evans, June 24, 1944

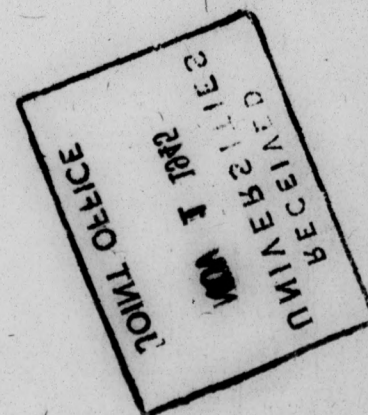
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Commencement will be day after tomorrow. We have wanted desperately Vice-President Wallace to be our Commencement speaker. But unfortunately he is scheduled to begin his 3-day visit in Chengtu the day following. We have enjoyed talking to Mr. Bennig Sweet of the UCR, who has just visited Chengtu a great deal. President Y.G. Chen of Nanking U has already left Chengtu on his way to America. We trust that he will bring you up-to-date on the problems and situation that we are facing here in maintaining these Christian Universities. He will report to you especially on the question of S-U cooperation in Chengtu on which a sincere and desperate effort has really been made.

Sincerely yours,

Y.P. Mei
Y.P. Mei



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C.A. Evans, June 24, 1944

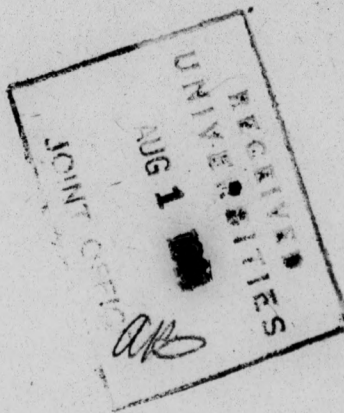
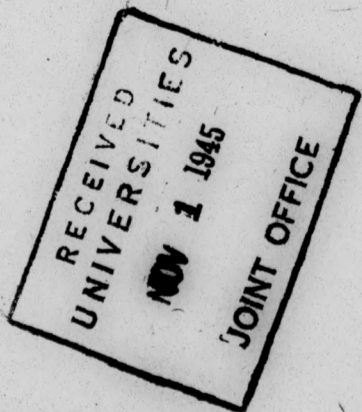
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Sincerely yours,

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENGDU
CHENGDU CHINA

CABLE ADDRESS
YENTA

YPM/PC/111

July 8, 1944

Mr. Carl A. Evans
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City, 11.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Yesterday I mailed some material on the Women's College, without writing any accompanying letter.

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of mimeographed letter from Mr. Ballou and one from Dr. Corbett both dated May 15 accompanying a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of ABCCC of May 2. We are glad to hear that St. John's University authorities have decided to become a member of the Associated Board and to apply for registration with the Ministry of Education. The St. John's Alumni in Free China have been talking about setting up an institution here for months. Just recently their representative has approached Yenching to undertake training of St. John's students in our Journalism Department. The matter is under negotiation. It looks as though they have realized the great difficulties of starting an institution in Free China these days and have come to the conclusion of a modified plan to give St. John's a standing in Free China.

We are terribly sorry hear of the suspension of Hangchow College. We do hope that they will be able to function again in the near future.

We have had three very busy days with Vice President Wallace during the last week when he visited Chengdu. He made an excellent impression on the Chinese public regarding the simplicity and democratic atmosphere of a high official in the U.S.A. Government. We are in receipt of one package of teaching material for the English Department and one package of books for the Physical Education Department which Vice President Wallace kindly brought over.

The S-University Joint Commencement was held on June 26, at which 49 students received their Bachelor's degree and 2 students took their Master's. Last winter a group of 17 graduated. The total of graduates for the second year of Yenching in Chengdu is therefore 68.

Enclose herewith the Biweekly Letter No. 9 written by Y. F. Mei.

Sincerely yours,

Y. F. Mei

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENGTO
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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue . . . New York, N. Y.

July 17, 1944

President Y. P. Mei
Mr. A. C. Hunsake
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Re: Yenching University
Minutes - Meeting May 11, 1944

Dear Friends:

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees are enclosed herewith. I am sorry that they have been delayed so long in transmittal to the field and presumably you are very disgusted at such delays. I have seen a letter which indicates that I have neglected writing and for which there is no defense. Frankly, the effort has not been made to keep up the correspondence with the individual college to the same extent as we feel the necessity of keeping in touch with Dr. Fenn as badly behind as our correspondence with him is. Even though United China Relief is raising a goodly part of the relief budget, yet a terrific amount of correspondence is required here in the United States and committee meetings without end are the order of the day. Thus the day begins around 5 o'clock in the morning and ends about 10:15 P. M. There are plenty of things to write about—the question is the time available and the staff to assist. The particular delay in these minutes was due to about twice as much work as usual being crowded into the ten days surrounding the Annual Meetings. Even with the aid of a stenotypist not much time was conserved, as all of her minutes needed revising.

But, to the Minutes. The general situation - both in North China and Chengtu - was reviewed and a summary is included with the Minutes.

Request for Return of Personnel. You will be receiving word ere this reaches you of the decision of staff members about returning to China. Dr. Sailer has definitely decided not to return this year. Miss Speer has taken a position for one year and probably she will write to you directly. Miss Boring would like to return very much indeed, but extra funds must be secured and her medical status cleared. After that the real task begins in getting permission to sail, as well as sailings. There are no others, we know of at this end, who are thinking of returning. It is quite possible that you will be able to secure some of the missionaries who have been shifted in China to help out during the interim.

REPORT OF THE YENCHING COLLEGE COMMITTEE. There was a brief report of the meeting of this Committee held on May 10th. I attended that meeting and discussed finances with the group for some little time. Promotional matters were also studied and at the present moment plans are on foot to begin solicitation of the Wellesley-Yenching Alumnae.

CONSOLIDATION OF TRUSTEE BOARDS. This subject took up a large portion of the meeting time. Yenching has always been a leader in such movements and with Dr. Eric North as Chairman of the Committee on Greater Unity present, there was ample opportunity for a complete study of the plan. You will note the various steps which are covered in the

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President Mei
Mr. Hausske

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final action. So far all Mission Boards participating in Yenching, except the London Missionary Society have approved the plan. It is not submitted to the field for vote, but for information and guidance.

Report of Finance Committee. The amount mentioned as required for all payments means the amounts paid to repatriates, but there is a much larger fund being set aside for those connected with the University in North China. This means both Chinese and foreign staff.

Report of the Treasurer and Auditors. The Report of the Treasurer and of the Auditors were routine matters involving both the University and the College for Women.

Budget for 1944-45. The uncertainty which is prevalent in all of our Colleges is also true of Yenching. We do not know the distribution of funds anticipated by United China Relief and can only guess on what lies before us. It seems wise at present to consider nothing more than what was secured this past year, but we will let you know immediately when the situation changes.

REPORT ON PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES. This report occasioned a long debate. There are several members of the Yenching Board who resent the curbing of promotional activities, always forgetting that a larger fund is being secured through United China Relief at a much less cost than could ever be secured in the normal way. We are permitted to make solicitations from those who have been contributing to the on-going work of the Universities in the past. No new approaches whatever may be made and in spite of the action which was taken, the matter will be handled as discreetly as possible.

The election of officers and committees was a routine matter and after a very interesting meeting, adjournment was voted.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans
C. A. EVANS

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cc: Accounting Office

Via China Clipper
c.c. via next Clipper

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July 21, 1944

Y. P. Mei

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Attention of Y. P. Mei. I am sorry that I have to report that neither Dr. Sailer nor Miss Speer are likely to return to China for the coming academic year. Their decisions have been reached only after careful and, I believe, very conscientious consideration of the many factors involved, including health and family needs.

Dr. Sailer writes me that he has accepted a position on the faculty of Berea College in Kentucky to teach psychology. He feels that a year spent at that particular institution will be of especial value looking forward to a return to Yenching a year from this autumn. As you probably know, Berea is a school for mountain people in the Appalachians with special emphasis on the needs of rural and somewhat under-privileged young folks. Its president is Frank Hutchins whom you probably knew when he was first at Mingsien and then at Ya-li.

Miss Speer has just accepted a one year position at a girls school near Bryn Mawr. They were anxious to secure her for a longer term. They had shortened their request to two years, and when she declined it on that basis were very insistent that she should come if only for one year. Here again family considerations have led Miss Speer to feel that she ought to remain in this country, not too far from her aging father and mother, for one winter before going back to China. I think it likely that both of these people have written you direct.

Miss Boring is very anxious to get back to Yenching and we are doing all we can to further her plans. Health considerations in her case are of major importance, but she seems now to be clear on that score. There remain the three problems of passport, transportation and support on the field. At present we have no assurance that she -- or either Sailer or Miss Speer for that matter if they planned to go back soon -- can secure the necessary passport and military pass. We expect more light on this matter, however, within the next ten days or so. Some of those who have recently applied, including Plumer Mills, have been turned down but told to apply again after a few months. Restrictions have been increased of late.

As to travel and support, much will, I fear, depend upon the ability of the University there on the field to meet her requirements. There are few funds on which we can draw at this end. It may be possible to secure a part of her travel expenses in this country but not even that is assured at the moment. Miss Boring showed me your recent letter to her as well as one from Mr. Lapwood. I regret that I do not have copies of them at hand, but I distinctly remember one or both of them referred, somewhat indefinitely, to the possibility that the field budget could be made to cover her personal salary. When the situation

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Dwight L. Edwards

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July 21, 1944

clarifies abit more we shall write or cable you again but almost certainly, as things stand now, we shall have to rely upon your ability to support her, fully or in large part, if we are to proceed further with her return. For one thing the restrictions in the matter of raising funds placed upon us by our participation in U.C.R. make a special campaign difficult if not quite impossible. We are looking into this further, however, before abandoning all effort along this line.

Your radiogram regarding Dr. Kung arrived just as he reached this country. We have been in communication with him and with his secretary but to date his preoccupation with the Monetary Conference and business in Washington has made it impossible for him to arrange for any private conference or function. We have real hope, however, that a little later he may be able to give us some of his limited time.

I am sure you and the Yenching group will be interested to know that Stanley Wilson came on from the Pacific coast near the end of June in order to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from his alma mater, Wesleyan University. It was the presidency of that University that Dr. McCaughy resigned in order to assume the leadership of United China Relief.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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July 24, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

I have been reviewing some of the correspondence and find that I have been depending very largely upon cable transactions rather than written communications. One reason for this delinquency is that cables call for immediate action at both ends if possible, and to a very large degree the questions raised therein answer themselves. I have also told you that I have been endeavoring to keep in touch with the field through Dr. Fenn.

Wang Yang Scholarship. One of the things I find pending is a cable of January 24th endorsing the scholarship of Wang Yang at Harvard. This cable was sent at the request of John Goette who is trying to get his son out of China. He stated that it would not be necessary for me to write a covering letter as he was writing a number of letters himself and has sent a number of cables. I have not been in touch with him and do not know the result of his efforts.

Wu Application. At the request of Miss Rathbone, I also cabled on January 26th regarding the application of Miss Wu at Teachers College.

National Currency \$10,000,000 Campaign. I have been hearing a great deal from various channels about this \$10,000,000 campaign and also have shared with Yenching Trustees the minutes of the meeting authorizing this campaign. This certainly will help out in these drastic times which we are facing now. The fiscal year 1943-44 is over with, but I want to thank you for your full cooperation as well as that of Mr. Robinson in furnishing us with all of the material for the use of our committees. We are still in the throes of endeavoring to find out where we will stand for the next eleven months and will cable you just as soon as we possibly can.

I have been greatly interested in the close cooperation of Yenching Alumni and of their deep interest in their new project at Chengtu. I was especially affected by the cable from Honolulu sent by the alumni there. This group in the past has sent the remittances through our office.

I have noted several references in your communication to the need of faculty in Peking. This was referred to the Special Committee and I understand that you have also written to this group. I shall consult with the members of the group who are available and find out if anything can be done and to what extent when funds are made available.

On March 29th I cabled at the request of the Special Committee authorizing approximately US\$4,000 pending receipt of communications which would give further details. I do not find where an answer to this letter giving further details has been received.

I wish to thank you for all of your patience and for the amount of material

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Dr. Mei

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which has been sent to us for use. It has been distributed wherever possible and, I believe, has borne good fruit.

The coming of Mr. Ballou into the office is going to help tremendously. With his background he can render invaluable assistance.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via China Clipper
c.c. via next Clipper



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July 25, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

I am grateful for your letter of May 13th regarding the Harvard-Yenching Institute situation.

This is an understandable condition resulting from a number of circumstances. To begin with I tried to have a conference with Dr. Charles Stelle but failed utterly. The best I could do was a long-distance telephone conversation when he was in Washington. At that time we could only cover very general aspects of his observation and as a matter of fact, he was reluctant to say much of anything over the telephone. However, we did not know of the application to the Institute for special funds until Dr. North called on the telephone and asked for additional information, which we were unable to contribute. It is also evident that a letter written in the early fall of 1943 never reached you. At that time we reviewed the items in the budget as it seemed necessary that funds from the Harvard-Yenching Institute and the Princeton-Yenching Foundation should be spent for rather definite purposes.

It is my impression that the special appropriation voted by the Institute of LC\$125,000 for under-graduate work and LC\$25,000 for Joint Journal should be cancelled. I say this, as it is evident that when the application was made to the Institute you were not aware of the \$22,368.44 which is to be used for under-graduate work in the manner as outlined in the printed statement which you receive. In the course of time, if you will let me know your reaction to the \$150,000 appropriated by the Institute, I will fix it up with them.

We are greatly embarrassed at being unable at the present time to indicate definitely what funds will be available from America for 1944-45. I believe I have said before that the best we can count upon is a repetition of 1943-44. May I say that the National War Fund reported to be exceedingly interested in the work of United China Relief, but appearances would seem to indicate that we are not to get a substantial increase over last year.

Very sincerely yours, --

C. A. EVANS

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July 25, 1944

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Re: Your Letter of May 13, 1944

Dear Dr. Mei:

A letter of yours dated May 13th refers to Dr. Wei still being en route to Chengtu.

As I have written you regarding this at some length, I think that as soon as the budget is made up, it will be best to let us have it so that we will be able to make the necessary adjustments at this end.

Yes, we have heard of the decision of The Rockefeller Foundation regarding the appropriation for the College of Public Affairs. This, we understand, is to be made to our office.

I am greatly chagrined about the inability of Miss Marken to get to Yenching. This feeling is only intensified by the knowledge that US\$1,500 has been appropriated for Miss Marken's travel. I have heard nothing more about it so presume that the matter has been held in abeyance. As no passports are being given to women at the present time, I feel barred from doing anything toward getting her en route. When I say this I am also reminded that a special case gets through every once in a while, only to make us all the more regretful. I have not communicated with Miss Marken and would presume that the University of Missouri would get in touch with our office if any new developments had come up.

If there have been any new developments from your end, presumably you would have cabled.

We are very glad indeed to make any distribution of mails which you send to us and are grateful for the news letters which come to us from time to time.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

I am exceedingly sorry if my letter of February 21st gave the impression that we were endeavoring to find ways covering the deficit created in China for 1942-43.

As a matter of fact, under date of January 13, 1944 Mr. Robinson wrote us that there was a cash balance on hand of LC\$834,609.65, of which \$528,000 was set aside for rent, furnishings and equipment for the College of Science for 1943-44. The total amount of LC\$834,000 is also carried forward as a credit on the 1943-44 budget. No reports which we have on hand indicate there is such a discrepancy of figures referred to. Mr. Robinson states that the accounts were audited by Mr. Lawrence Todman and Mr. William Small of the Canadian Church Mission. It would seem, therefore, that there is nothing further that can be done at this end.

My reference to the low tuition fee is not an original inspiration. It is because; first, the Committee on Special Askings sees these reports; secondly, the Finance Committees of the various Universities are again informed about them; and thirdly, they go to United China Relief. Somewhere along the way, therefore, some person always pops up with an inquiry about the tuition fees, but the Planning Committee minutes and what we have said before covers this situation pretty thoroughly. We can understand your predicament and sympathize with you, but there is always somebody hounding us about items of this kind and, as a matter of fact, such strong statements were made regarding items of this nature, and the relation of student body to faculty that practically our whole staff turned in for a period of several days to prepare a letter answering some of these questions.

I believe I got the import of your paragraph regarding the Science building and I hope to be able to get some additional information for the benefit of our committees here. Possibly my present view is not correct, which is to the effect that with the large increase in numbers of students there is a crowding out of the late comers.

Dr. Y. G. Chen is due in New York in a few days and I will ask him for some additional light aside from such other approaches as we may be able to make.

With sincerest best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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