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Jan. 8, 1945

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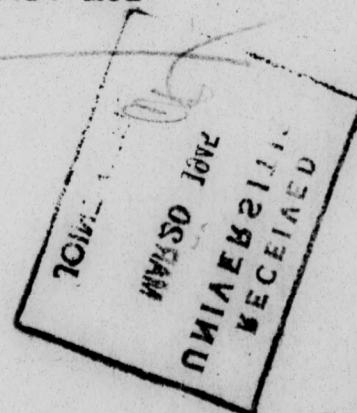
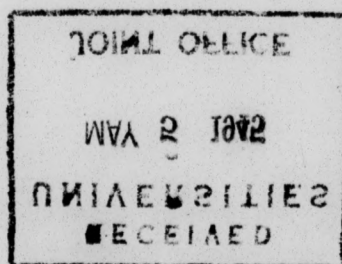
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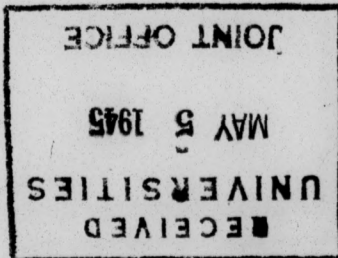
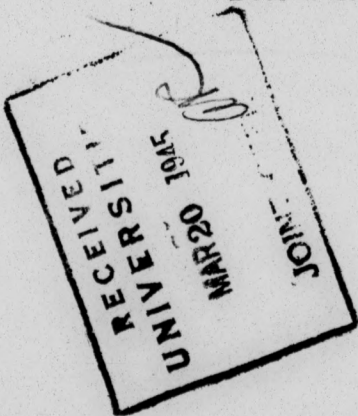
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Mr. Earle H. Ballou,
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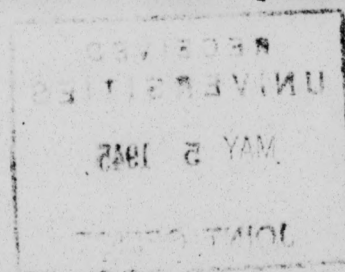
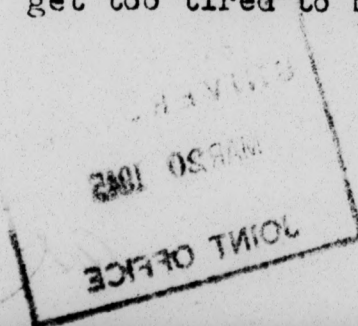
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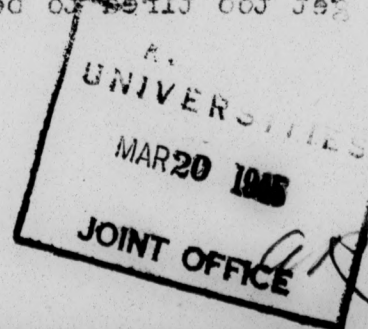
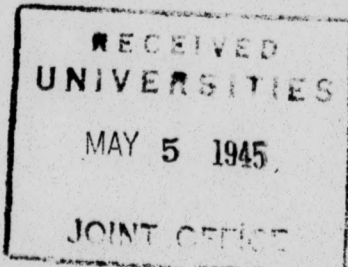
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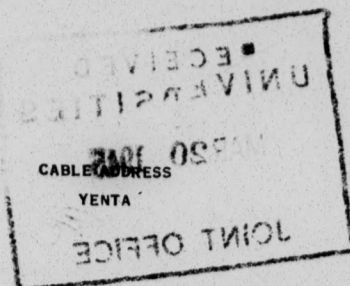
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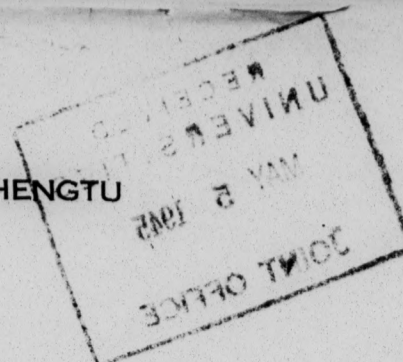
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Enclosed we are also sending another letter, No. 6, in the Bi-Weekly Series.

With best wishes,

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Jan. 21st, 1945.

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills,
The Women's College Committee,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 11, N.Y.
The U.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Mills,

Miss Lu Hui-Ching has kindly shown me your letter of Nov. 22 addressed to her. We are all very glad for the news of the larger amount from the World Day of Prayer Fund this year and especially for the additional US\$500 allocated to Yenching. We are grateful for the money given, which is always needed on the field under war-time conditions, and we are especially inspired to see the continued and the increased interest on the part of Yenching friends towards the welfare of the Institution.

You may be interested to hear that our NC\$10,000,000 Financial Campaign has just gone over the top and we are trying to wind it up.

I am expected to take a trip to America sometime in the Spring. I am looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you and the other ladies of the Yenching Women's College Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Y.P. Mei
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c.c. Dean Lu Hui-Ching.

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

Jan. 25th, 1945.

Dear Mr. Evans,

The mail which arrived yesterday brought me your letters dated Nov. 29 and three more all dated Nov. 30, 1944. Let me go over their contents item by item as follows:

Harvard-Yenching Institute

About a week ago I received a letter from Professor Elisseeff, in reply to our Annual Report. It raised several detailed questions such as the content of certain courses, the specialization of students holding scholarships, etc. On the whole the tone is quite favourable and it gives promise to an extra grant of \$10,000 (U.S. I suppose) provided we could answer his questions satisfactorily. I shall call a meeting of our H-Y Institute Committee of the University shortly and deal with the questions raised. One of Professor Elisseeff's problems has to do with the balance from the H-Y Foundation Grant of 1942-43. I believe you and I struggled over that problem sometime ago by correspondence, and I have asked you to make the necessary adjustments of the accounts at New York. Since we have pooled all our resources in support of the University as one administration unit, I suppose the thing to do will be to arrange a financial statement covering a total approximately equal to the Foundation Grant and including items acceptable to the Foundation Authorities. It seems to me a lot of the items in our financial statement for 1942-43 may be considered satisfactory to the H-Y Institute. I agree with you that the NC\$150,000 request need not be pushed any further.

Dr. Wei Yung-Ching's Expenses

I have had word from you even before this concerning the attitude of the McBrier Fund Committee regarding Dr. Wei's expenses. I am also aware of the discrepant attitudes between the Field and New York regarding spending McBrier Fund money for religious activities when we were in Peking. It seems to me the discrepancy, if any, comes in the interpretation of religion and religious activity among the students of a Chinese University. I imagine we all agree that the day of compulsory Chapel attendance and Bible classes is gone, and that we must find more fresh and living expressions of our Christian experience if we wish to exercise a religious influence over the young men and the young women, and that influence should, by all findings of up-to-date religious educationalists, be directed to the whole being and development rather than as one compartment of these young people. When religion and religious activities in a Chinese Christian University are so conceived, I feel no further apology is needed in our asking for Dr. Wei's full support from the McBrier Fund. Dr. Wei ^{leads} an administration position in the University equivalent to that of Dean of Men in an American co-educational college.

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He has been able to reduce the administration red-tapes to the minimum and to let his assistants handle most of it. He has been spending time with the boys in discussing their personal and group problems. He has been so successful with it that when a few weeks ago there was a talk of Dr. Wei going to Chungking to help Dr. Lennig Sweet set up a pre-UNRRA training programme for a few months in Chungking, 17 student organizations and as well as a large number of individual students signed a joint petition asking the University to keep Dr. Wei in his present position. Now it is a rare experience for a group of students to work up such a petition about their own Dean of Discipline during these hard times in China, and probably at any time in any country. From the stand-point of the religious interest, we might regard Mr. Wei's effort and success as a sound approach to the religious influence of the students, if not, as the religious influence itself. You will have noted Mr. Hausske's observation on the matter which he wrote you some time before.

Relief of Faculty Members in Peking

The NC\$300,000 relief sent to Faculty members in Peking ought to have reached them before this, but the messenger has not yet returned. When I was in Chungking this last time, I called on Mr. Chu Chia Hua, the new Minister of Education. I presented another request for NC\$500,000 for the same purpose. Minister Chu was sympathetic, but I have not yet received any official reply as to the amount granted this time.

Rehabilitation of Science Apparatus and the Library Books

Dr. Gould of the F.E.A. (Foreign Economic Administration) is now visiting Chengtu. He has asked the 5 Universities to send to him lists of books and apparatus which are required for rehabilitation. He thinks the UNRRA might not include the Universities within its scope, but that the FEA might, or at least might help. We are now compiling these lists, and shall send you a copy when they are completed.

Correspondence with Mr. Evans and Mr. Ballou

We have noted that if it is your wish that we should correspond with you on all financial matters and with Mr. Ballou on all other business. I shall pass this information on to Mr. Hausske. Since I am spreading out far beyond the limits of finances in this letter, I hope you will be good enough to share it with Mr. Ballou.

Mr. Edwards and Miss Boynton

I am glad to hear you have already got in touch with Mr. Edwards and that he has been able to give so much time and attention to Yenching problems during his short and busy visit home. Miss Boynton left us some 2 weeks ago and might be with you by now. Both of these people will be able to give you a very vivid idea of the re-opening of Yenching in Chengtu. Their reports and conferences with you will be so much more adequate than what we can do from Chengtu by correspondence. Of course, if I can follow up with a trip to America in the Spring myself, it will probably offer us a chance for very complete discussion and understanding about the University affairs, not only its past and its present, but also its future programme of post-war rehabilitation and development. Your mention of President Chen's success in America in the cause of Nanking gives me a great deal of courage.

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Special Committee Cable of U.S.\$14,000,000

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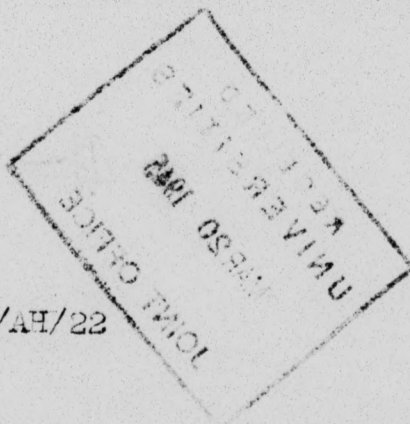
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Acting President.

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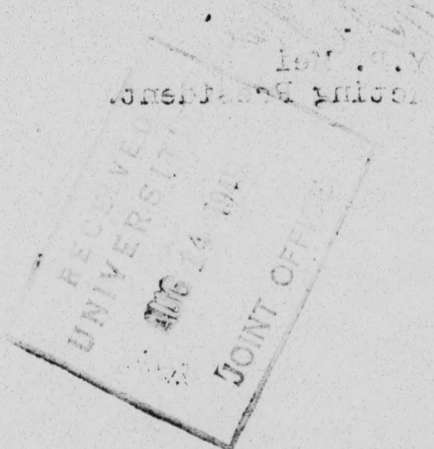
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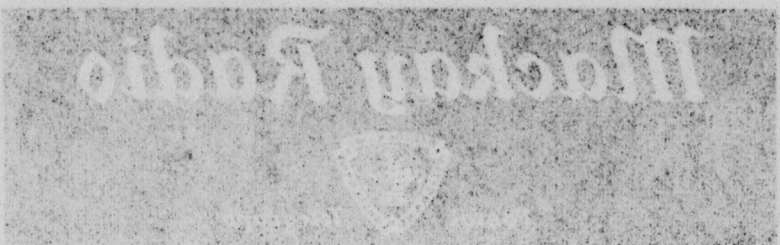
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February 9, 1945

Dr. Y. P. Mei
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- Re: (1) Covering cable of January 30: date of Dr. Mei's departure; Dr. Li Hui-lin.
(2) Delay of Dr. Cartwright and others.
(3) Dr. Wilson's desire to return.
(4) Minutes of the Bd. of Trustees.

Dear Dr. Mei:

This letter is somewhat in the nature of the arrow which the poet says he shot into the air, which came to earth he knew not where. The difference is that, while I know pretty well where this letter will be delivered, it is likely that before it reaches Chengtu you will be in this country. And who your residual legatee will be in the matter of correspondence is not known on this side of the world. We rejoice that the time of your arrival draws nearer, and we hope that it may be possible for you to indicate, roughly at any rate, just about when you are to leave. This information we asked for in a cable which I sent on January 30. The bulletin from the State Department had been worded in vague terms, and inquiries have already come in from several friends asking for more specific information.

In that cable I also raised again the question of Dr. Li Hui-lin. This was because no letter had come, nor has any since, removing the uncertainty which I described in my last letter to you, of December 30. Dr. Li has had offers of other positions but has held off on the strength of the word which had come to him in the name of Yenching from Dr. Chang and Mr. Lapwood, and his own preference for Yenching. He has been naturally impatient and somewhat worried lest he fall between two stools. We are hoping that a clear indication may reach us within a few days which will settle the matter one way or another and terminate his period of anxiety.

Your letter of November 18 did not arrive until January 25, but was none the less enjoyed when it came. We were especially glad to learn from that letter, and one from Mr. Lapwood to Dr. Wilson as well, that people in Chengtu were inclined to discount the rumor regarding Dr. Stuart's ill health. The fortnightly newsletter written by yourself was delightful reading and has now been circulated among the Yenching constituency. It is just the sort of thing which supplies excellent publicity material. Surely the successful completion of your campaign of ten million dollars permits more than one congratulation; herewith accept another one!

Only this morning there came your letter of December 6. I fear people in China are going to be disappointed so far as an early visit from Dr. Cartwright is concerned. He shares the same fate, so far, of all civilians who have wanted to go to China this winter. Dwight Edwards, because of his very important responsibilities for relief, has been assured of a passport and expects to start back sometime in April, but I have heard nothing that holds out hope that Dr. Cartwright will get there in time for the meetings being planned for him and Dr. Decker. The latter left America early enough and got far enough along the way so that evidently more favorable consideration has been given to his requests for travel permits. If all those members of the Western staff who are anxious to get back on the Yenching campus could do so, some of your faculty problems for the next academic year would be solved. Miss Boring continues to ply us at frequent intervals with inquiries, but the prospects of her being cleared in time to get there for the beginning of work in September have become so exceedingly dim that she may decide to accept a position for another year here more directly in line with the work she would be doing on the faculty out there. I have not heard for several weeks from Miss Speer. Ran Sailer, being a man, has a somewhat better chance of traveling in your direction this summer, and continues to hope he will do so. Most recently, Stanley Wilson has written referring to a greatly improved state of health and an access of vigor which leads him to feel that

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he can and should get back at the first opportunity. The attitude of the American Board last autumn had not been favorable to any plans of this kind on his part, but he has reopened the question with them. Just today a letter came to Mr. Evans from Miss Boynton which reminds us again of the loss you will suffer in her returning to the United States. From some word received at the American Board, there is reason to think that she may possibly be here by Easter.

I must not omit mention of the file of "Yenching News, Chengtu edition," which arrived this morning, including numbers from October 1 to December 17. I am sure Mrs. Plumer Mills will find a good deal of material for compiling the next "China Colleges," our quarterly bulletin. The paper on which the news is printed would in itself attract attention, could we give it general circulation. It is things like that which make vivid to people in this country some of the war conditions under which life in blockaded China has had to carry on.

Turning now for a moment in closing to the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held December 1st, I do not believe that any extensive comments are needed. The meeting was called to deal especially with the plan for consolidation of the different trustee boards. I referred to the meeting in my letter written the morning before the trustees met, with a postscript referring to our success in finally mustering the required attendance. There was a lot of redtape, but that loses some of whatever interest it ever had when it has at last been untangled. It may be that the action taken regarding Dr. E. O. Wilson (Page 8) will suggest to you more as to his unfortunate physical condition than would otherwise be known. There seems to be a steady slowing up of his physical and mental processes, not unlike, at casual observation anyway, that which overtook Mr. Earl Hoose of the American Bible Society there in Peking, whom you and others will undoubtedly remember. The action taken by the Board was closely in line with that which had been requested by Mrs. Wilson. It was, I believe, the first time that a problem of this sort has arisen in connection with any Western member of the faculty.

Referring once more to your letter of December 6, I am quite content to let the matter of Langdon Gilkey and other related questions rest until there is a chance to discuss them personally and a little nearer the time when definite plans can be made. Certainly you want to be sure of him. As to other candidates, ancient or modern, time will tell. Certainly the suggestion of life on the Yenching campus is one not quickly or lightly to be dismissed.

Your final paragraph referred to the forthcoming meeting of the FEC and the response which would come from it to my cable regarding Drs. Li and Hsu. The cable, when it was received, at this end referred only to Dr. Hsu. Should there be no further word about Dr. Li within the next week, I think we must perforce assume that you have relied upon our interpretation of this December 6 letter when it should reach us and your cable received December 11 as meaning that, of these two men, only Dr. Hsu can be added to your staff. We shall therefore inform Dr. Li that he is free to accept some other offer.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Earle H. Ballou

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Feb. 24, 19 45

Mr. Carl A. Evans
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150 Fifth Avenue
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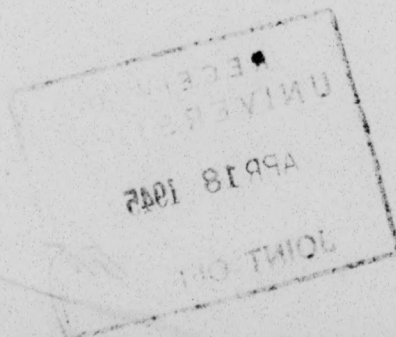
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Professor Serge Elisseeff
Harvard-Yenching Institute
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Professor Elisseeff,

Your letter of November 23, 1944 arrived about a month ago. I have studied it carefully with my colleagues. We are all glad for the thorough-going interest you are taking in our work. We have spent the last few weeks collecting the necessary material in answer to your questions. The winter recess and the China New Year have kept us from writing earlier. However, we are still hoping that, by the special mail arrangement, this letter will reach you in time for your April meeting. We are cabling our New York office ".....INFORM ELISSEEFF LETTER IN MAIL REQUESTING 10000 CALENDAR YEAR SINOLOGY RESEARCH YIPAO MEI"

Enclosed please find the following:

- A table showing the fields of concentration of the history scholarship students 1943-44.
- Lists of description of courses in and related to Chinese studies offered in 1944.
- A revised general budget, 1944-45.
- A research budget, Jan.-Dec. 1945.
- "An abstract of the Field Report on the Study of the Lolo Community" by Lin Yueh-Hua.
- A list of Publications on the Lolo and the Tibetans by Lin Yueh-Hua.
- "A Project for the Study of a Chiang Community for summer 1945" by Lin Yueh-Hua.

In your letter you raised several points. Let me take them up under the following topics:
FINANCIAL STATEMENT of 1943-44. Re this statement you asked about the balance from the previous year. The situation of the year 1942-43, our first year in Chengtu, was rather peculiar. We were all the time under the impression that your grant to us was N.C. \$125,000, an impression that we got from your letter of December 30, 1942. The Financial Report for the year was drawn up with reference to that figure as our total income. It was only afterwards that Mr. C. A. Evans of our New York office informed us that your actual grant to the Yenching Institute was U.S. \$22,268.44. There was naturally a considerable discrepancy between these two figures on the income side. But a number of items that might be charged to the Harvard-Yenching Fund, such as library books and personnel, administrative and operational overhead, etc., had been omitted in the statement. We have asked our New York office to readjust the statement and present to you a balance account for that year on the basis of income of U.S. \$22,268.44 if you felt it important to do so. At any rate, there will not be a balance for the year.

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I feel the same way about the Financial Statement for 1943-44. If you strongly object to the salaries of Professors Shih Yu-Chung and Tan Chun-Lin being included, we can omit those items and put on an item for administrative and operational overhead to the same total amount. I hope in general you consider our understanding of the use of the Harvard-Yenching Fund in order and that you will consider these suggestions adequate in answer to your questions re the financial statement.

STUDENTS' FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION. I hope the enclosed table gives you all the information you want on this point. I need only to add that thus far all the history work we have been able to do in Chengtu has been along the line of Chinese History, and therefore all teachers and students in the History Department come very properly under "Chinese Studies". We have just secured the promise from Father Fang Hae to join our faculty next fall for developing his line on historical contacts between China and the West.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES. I hope the enclosed lists of description of courses will give you a more adequate idea of the scope of our work. It should be pointed out that academic cooperation among the 5 Universities in Chengtu has enabled students to select courses offered by all the institutions. And in several departments the 5 Universities have come to a definite agreement of each developing a special phase contributing to a rounded out program. It goes without saying that students in Yenching are not limited by their departmental affiliation in their selection of courses. For instance, a History student can easily elect a course on "History of Chinese Diplomacy", if his major Professor thinks that the course will be of benefit to him although the course happens to be offered and listed in the Department of Political Science.

GRANT OF U.S. \$10,000 FOR RESEARCH. We are naturally very glad and grateful for your news of a probable additional grant of U.S. \$10,000 for the research projects of Professors Chen Yin-Chuen and Li Fang Kuei. The achievement of these scholars need not be belabored. Both of them have been with us for over a year, and they have been trying to carry on their research under great handicaps. With the probable additional grant from the Harvard-Yenching Fund, these scholars are carrying on their work with a new impetus. Their Research Projects are as follows:

1. Professor Chen Yin-Chuen:- Studies in the Relation between Religion and Politics in Mediaeval Chinese History. A series of articles or monographs are to be written as the result of above studies. The mss. of Tao Chien are ready for publication. The whole project will take about two years.
2. Professor Li Fang-Kuei:- (a) A comparative study of Tai linguistics, based on over 20 different languages and dialects. Half of the material is recorded by Professor Li personally. From this comparative study a series of

articles will appear. The project is for two years.

(b) Field work on Eastern Tibetan local dialects.

Among the enclosures you will find a Research Budget. We would appreciate it very much if you could make the first grant of U.S.\$ 10,000 for the current calendar year, because time means such a great deal to research and time is such a great problem in making arrangements when the countries are at war. In fact we have already secured one of the 2 Research Assistants for these projects and are negotiating for the other. We would appreciate a cable as soon as your Board has put through this grant.

One more remark may be necessary about the medical item for Professor Chen Yin-Chueh in that budget. During the winter, he suffered badly from a threatened detachment of the retina. For a while we were afraid he might lose his eyesight or most of it. After 2 months' hospitalization, he is fortunately on the way to slow recovery. His medical bills, including special food and nutrition, has amounted to an enormous figure. The item \$250,000 is only a part of the total and the portion we think that should be charged to the Harvard-Yenching Fund.

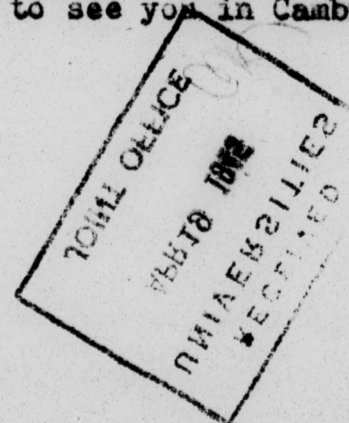
GENERAL BUDGET 1944-45. The inflation process has been going stronger than ever. The cost index for Chengtu at the end of January was 104,000%. The General Budget for 1944-45 has been revised with the increased inflation in view. You will note that we have only provided for half-year for Professor Chen Yin-Chueh and Li Bang-Kuei, with the hope that they could be transferred to the Research Budget beginning with January. The only new name included is Professor Wu Mi. He has been for nearly 20 years Professor of comparative literature on the Tsing Hua University faculty. This is his sabbatical year and we are fortunate in having him spend it with us. His lectures on comparative literature are immediately popular because they are so substantial. Since there will be provisions for publication in the Research Budget, we are now using \$100,000 from this item to cover Dr. Lin Yueh-Hua's trip of last summer. For the investigation trip next summer we have made partial provision in the Research Budget. We hope the Ministry of Education and the Rockefeller F. will be able to provide the rest. It is likely that as the inflation process continues, there will be overexpenditures on several of the items in the budget. Our only hope is that the exchange rate on the free market will also improve.

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EXCERPTS from letter of E. R. Lapwood to S. D. Wilson, dated at Chengtu,
March 3, 1945.

You will be glad to hear that we have been able to rig up a microfilm reader here, and are using it a good deal. It is a makeshift, and we have had to build a kind of paper and bamboo hut over it to get darkness enough for its feeble light, and so whenever you do succeed in getting something more adequate to us everybody will feel very grateful.

I am enclosing a copy of my report on our work of last semester. You will be glad to know that my remark about the turning of the tide (Ed; which had been running against interest in pure science) seems to be justified, and this semester we already have a freshman class of well over thirty, with the hope of further students arriving from Chungking. They seem to be of fairly good quality, though as with all middle school graduates of the interior of China in recent years, their English standard is poor.

We are very grateful to you for urging Hsu Peng Cheng to come out here. We have cabled to the New York Office to get him ~~expedited~~ out to us at all costs, and after a few days I shall send him a personal message welcoming him and urging early start. It is going to make a big difference to us when he and Lan Chen get here, for all of us are quite dissatisfied that after three years we have made no progress in improving our temporary Chemistry "preparatory-department," and their coming offers the first bright hope. Perhaps news of your coming will be the second encouragement.

We were very sorry that we could not extend an identical invitation to Li Hui Lin, with whom we had had correspondence. The fact was that when we first communicated with Li we had hoped he would be here this academic year, using the salary reserved for Dr. Boring, who has been prevented from leaving America. Moreover we were led by his family here to suppose that he could pay for his own travel (travel for one man from USA deducts from our field budget ~~much~~ much more than the yearly salary of one professor). When we found that he hoped we would pay for his travel, and moreover that he could not get here much earlier than Dr. Boring, we reluctantly cabled that while we would welcome Dr. Li to join the staff, but could not bring him out ~~here~~.

In the middle of December we had a letter from Bill Band, saying that in the general pressure to evacuate foreigners at that time, he and Claire were taking the opportunity of going home. Recently I had a letter written by Bill on Jan. 5th from Calcutta. They were having a good time in India, and expected to move on towards England some time in January. Their address in England is

c/o Mrs. Blanche Chaytor
"Kings Lynn," Hooton Road
Willaston, Wirral

Bill said that he had had a "cordial and optimistic letter from the Institute of Physics at home, assuring me that there would be plenty of work to do, either temporary or permanent."

We recently had news from a traveller who left Peking not long ago. He reported that Leighton and his fellow prisoners were in good health and spirits. The rumour of a nervous breakdown, spread from Chungking three months ago, seems to have had no foundation at all.

Bad news was of the death of Wu Lei Chuan. On Chao Tze Chen's birthday, he insisted on going out to the party held in T.C.'s honour, but fell on the way,

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hurt himself, and died within a few hours. We have no corroboration of this news, but people here think that it is likely to be true. Other friends in Peking were reported to be in good health.

Life here goes on about as usual. The cost of living is now about 1100 times prewar, but the American dollar is now worth \$550 mex, and American cheques sell at \$300 mex to G\$1. We have recently been living on just about 25% of our prewar salary, and find it adequate for food. We buy nothing else, of course. We heard that Miss Beynton left India safely, and in much improved health.

During December, when the Japanese drove up towards Kweiyang, there was a good deal of fear and agitation in some mission circles, and it was decided to begin evacuating missionaries, beginning with women with children. Decisions made then have been carried out through the last three months. Many of us feel now that the need for such precautions is past, and that no further evacuation should be done. But some of the mission secretaries are still jittery, and press for the complete evacuation from China of all mothers with children.

This has brought Nancy and myself under considerable pressure to go, but we have resisted it, convinced that it was from emotional and uninformed attitudes. We are among the few families left here now, and are regarded as rebellious nuisances by the evacuators. But we both feel that the risk of a crisis is small, and the work we have to do quite sufficient to justify our staying on until the time fixed for our furlough. That is the end of June. I wish there were some way by which I could stay on until the arrival of Ran and Alice, but it would cut a big hole in my time in England.

We have asked to be allowed to travel via Australia, and so to see Nancy's parents. Bishop Hall has suggested that I travel across America to England, so as to do some work for the American Committee for the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives, and inform them on the conditions in China. If this eventuates, I shall certainly plan my itinerary so as to visit you, unless you have yourself left for China by then. (A few days ago, in conversation, Y.P. expressed the very earnest wish that you would come out to help Yenching here as soon as possible, - not wait for the return to the north before coming to China.)

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New York 11.

Dear Mr. Ballou,

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I hope it is now all clear about Mr. Li Hui-Lin. For a while our Biology Department would welcome him to join its staff, provided he could provide his own travel and somehow manage to get to Chengtu on his own. At least, when the proposal was made by the Department, we were ~~getting~~ understanding that would be the case. Repeated word from you seems to indicate the contrary. We are not ready to be responsible for the heavy travel expenses and therefore ~~we~~ cooled-off regarding Mr. Li. Now there is a talk about securing a Dr. C. C. Liu, an alumnus of Yenching, and right on the spot in Chengtu. Probably some consultation with Miss Boring will still be necessary before we can take action.

We are all decided for Dr. Hsu Peng-Cheng and should like to have him come to Chengtu as soon as possible.

I hope that the improved military and political situations in China has made it easier for the State Department at Washington to consider civilians coming to China. In fact, we have heard from the Presbyterians here that their Mission Board has notified the field to hold up advance furloughs except in case of ill health, and that one of their ladies' doctors was just starting for China. That gave us another ray of hope. We have just cabled you as follows:-----
"AUTUMN NEED DESPERATE MINIMUM IN ORDER SPEER SAILER BORING COCHPAN WILSON STOP INFORM ELISSEFF LETTER IN MAIL REQUESTING 10000 CALENDAR YEAR SINIOLOGY RESEARCH". The need is really desperate. I regard it as one of the purposes of my trip to America, to convince these friends of the situation and help getting them started towards China. If you could begin the process and preparation for the return of any or all of them before I arrive, it will so much the better.

I am sending you herewith a table of the Graduating Classes in Chengtu. I might have sent you a copy already, but I suppose it would not hurt.

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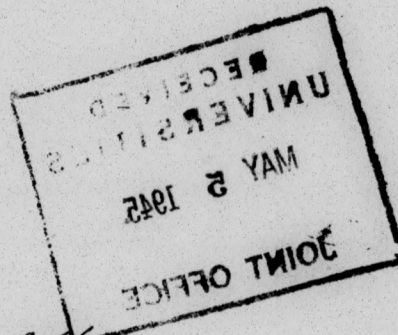
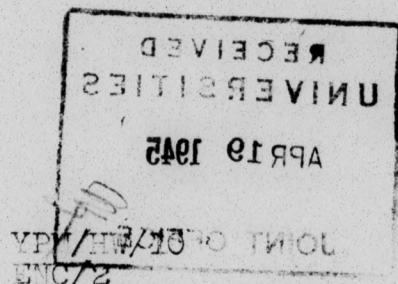
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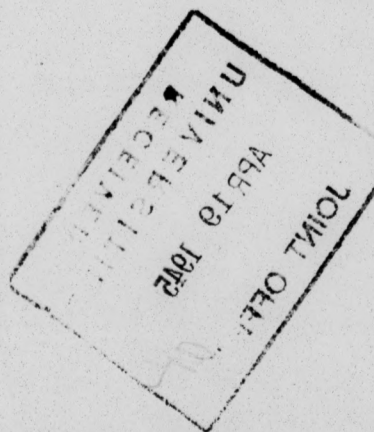
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C.A. Evans	Jan 16	A.C. Hauske
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E.H. Ballou	Jan 30	Circular to Presidents

Minutes of Nanking Women's College Comm. meeting,
Dec 1, 1944

Minutes of Finance Comm., Shanghai Christian Univ.
Oct 25, 1944 — 2 copies

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both copies to Cheelo Univ.)



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Inclosure with C. W. Chang's letter of 3/15/45 to ENBallou.

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(British Council Cultural Scientific Office)

BRITISH EMBASSY
Chungking
9th March 1945

Professor C. W. Chang
President's Office
Nanking University
Chongtu

Dear Professor Chang,

I am very glad to say that a telegram has just arrived from the British Council in London extending to you a very cordial invitation to visit England, at their expense, on your way to the United States.

The Council would like to know as soon as possible when you will leave; it would be very useful if, when you write you would also let me know any special wishes you have with regard to places to see or people to meet during your visit. If they have this information before hand, the Council can make preparations in good time.

I am very glad that this invitation has come. I am sure you will find that British agriculturalists take great interest in the problems and achievements of their Chinese colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Dorothy Needham

D. M. Needham

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(From C. W. Chang to E. H. Ballou)

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
Office of the President
Chengtu Szechwan

15th March 1945

This is our third week since the beginning of our Spring Term. The campus is quiet now after the Cheeloo problem has been settled. On February 28th I sent the following cable to Mr. Evans for President Chen:

"FOR CHENYUGUAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REQUESTS YOU RETURN CAMPUS
BY MAY FIRST SETTLE CONTRACTS FOR 19456 CABLE DECISION"

So far there has been no reply from him. I hope you will write him to this effect, in case the cable has gone astray.

Dr. William Fenn finally showed up on the campus from India. He will pay us frequent visits. Claude Thomson is now in India, but no word from Searle Bates. Miss Cammie Gray and Mr. Andrew Roy and his family are waiting for transportation here to go back to the States. The total number of our graduates selected by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the National Government for advanced training in the States under the Lend-Lease grant is now 78, because some, who were on the waiting list, have taken the place of others who could not go for health reasons. The College of Agriculture is very much depleted of teachers at the moment. We earnestly hope that Mr. Corrathers of the Disciples Church, who is now studying in Yale University, will be able to come out this summer. We also hope that the American Board for Medical Aid to China will release Dr. C.S. Fan, so that he can return to us this fall. Will you please write Corrathers and the ABMAC for their services.

The past winter has been exceptionally cold and this spring is pretty dry, with the result that we shall have a poor spring crop. Prices for most living necessities have doubled in the last two months. It is hard for everybody.

I am glad to tell you that I have received an invitation from the British Council in London to pay them a visit. I am planning to take the trip after the close of the term. My plan is to spend half a year in Europe and half a year in the States. I will write you more fully about my plans later. I enclose a copy of the letter sent me by Dr. Dorothy Needham for your information.

/s/ C. W. Chang
Acting-President

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P.S. Yours of Feb. 9 has arrived.

Sorry to have given you so much
trouble re Li Hui-Lin. Next time we shall not try
to save words on cable. Your interpretation is what we intended.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENG TU
CHENG TU, CHINA

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March 16, 1945.

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YENTA

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150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 11.

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March 27, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Mei:

This is an acknowledgment of your letter of December 11th quoting several cablegrams which were circulated in the office.

Since the approval of the budget for Dr. Yung Ch'ing Wei it has been increased by \$600.00 and an appropriation approved for the purchase of a bicycle. I hope the loaning of Dr. Wei to Dr. Sweet will work out satisfactorily although I can see where Dr. Wei has built up a program which it will be difficult to leave.

We were a bit puzzled by the omission of one name from your cable regarding personnel, but your letter explains it all.

I have read Dr. Sweet's reply of November 27th to your letter of November 20th. I believe the statements made by Dr. Sweet coincide with the facts, except also that the budgets which we had in hand were the figures presented in March revised to include the salary adjustments received in June. Recently special appropriations were made by United China Relief.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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

Dear Dr. Mei:

Copy of your letter of November 20th to Dr. Lennig Sweet
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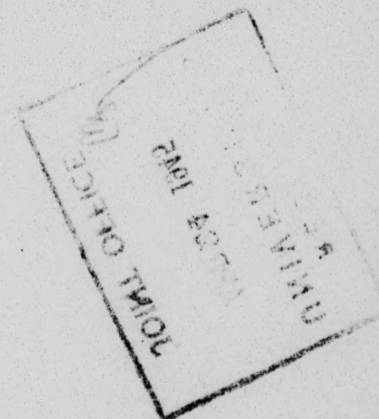
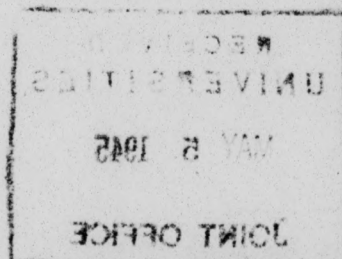
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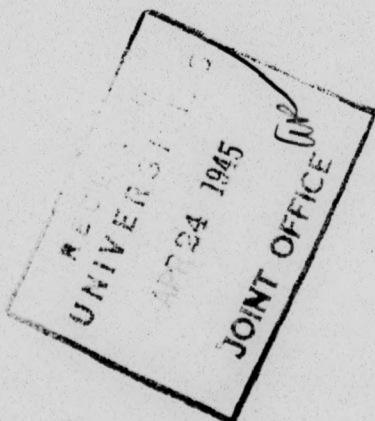
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10. Mr. Lin Yao-hua's work. The Rockefeller Foundation has granted
 C. O. P. Y. YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENG TU
 Weekly Letter No. 1 Friday, 27th April 1945

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8. University Finances. Mr. Hausske reported at the last meeting of the Faculty Executive Committee that up to March 31st (i.e. for first eight months of our financial year) expenditures totalled \$19,840,000, as compared with about \$18,000,000 budgeted for the period. Income, however, has also exceeded expectations, so that the University should with care be able to finish the year without overspending.
9. Ten Million Endowment Fund. Of sums contributed during the Endowment Fund Campaign, \$11,000,000 was invested in purchase of gold bullion at \$20,000 per ounce. 550 ounces were acquired. This proved a very sound move. The value of gold in national currency has already increased greatly.

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With kindest regards

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7. Mr. J. B. Taylor. Mr. Taylor, who served the University many years in the Department of Economics in the north, and has for the past six years been working with the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives, has recently returned to Chengtu from India, where he has spent a year in writing. He has been requested to rejoin Yenching University at least half time, for planning and research in connection with the Labour Welfare Programme of the College of Public Affairs. Mr. Taylor's time is also demanded by the C.I.C. The final decision on his work has not yet been made.

8. University Finances. Mr. Hsiao reported at the last meeting of the Faculty Executive Committee that up to March 31st (i.e. for first eight months of our financial year) expenditures totalled \$18,540.00, as compared with about \$18,000 budgeted for the period. Income, however, has also exceeded expectations, so that the University should with care be able to finish the year without overspending.

9. Ten Million Endowment Fund. Of sums contributed during the Endowment Fund Campaign, \$11,000,000 were invested in purchase of gold bullion at \$20,000 per ounce. \$500,000 were required. This proved a very sound move. The value of gold in national currency has already increased greatly.

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April 30, 1945

Dr. Y. P. Mei
c/o Far Eastern Branch
Division of Cultural Cooperation
Department of State
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Y.P.:

Our latest word about you was contained in a cable from Len Sweet to U.C.R. It told us that you left on the 20th, but whether what you left was Chengtu, Chungking or Kunming was not stated. We have been cheered by this word since it seemed to carry assurance that you would be here in plenty of time for our meetings next week. I inclose a schedule and a copy of the agenda for the three sessions of the Associated Boards. Probably you should telephone to us as soon as convenient after getting here. Should you call in the evening there is every likelihood that you can reach me at home: Gramercy 3 - 0178. We are making a reservation for you at the Prince George Hotel from Sunday the 6th.

On the Associated Boards agenda we shall of course want a statement from you under the head "Conditions in China." We also want at least a brief word of greeting at the Dinner on Monday evening. P. C. Chang is to be the principal speaker but we shall not be disappointed if your brevity exceeds ten minutes by several more! As challenging and heartening a speech as you can give us.

I will not attempt even to begin to answer all the letters and reports which have come in from you during the past two or three weeks. There seemed no possibility of reaching you with an acknowledgment in China, so of late I have been letting them pile up. You will be glad to know, however, that Grace Boynton seems definitely and decidedly on the mend. Only last week could she secure admission to a hospital for the thorough-going examinations that were indicated. Speaking strictly as a layman, I get the impression that her symptoms have been due to a nervous condition rather than to any serious and permanent organic

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trouble. She expects to be released from the hospital tomorrow and she is determined to be present at part of the sessions next week. Yesterday afternoon in conversation she referred to her latest letter from you, which, she thought, was based upon the more alarming diagnosis which had been tentatively made in Chengtu, and therefore wished to give you assurance at the earliest possible date of the more optimistic outlook since getting here.

It will be grand to see you and to have a chance to talk over so many things. I hope we will not be too disappointing to you. The most disturbing feature in the present situation is the difficulty amounting almost to complete impossibility of getting anybody back to China in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

Earle H. Ballou

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENG TU

Weekly Letter Nr. 2

Friday 4 May 1945

Dear Mr. Ballou:

1. Rumours concerning Dr. Stuart. Two or three weeks ago we were told in good faith by American army men here that they had recent news via Sian that Dr. Stuart had died in Peking. We immediately tried to trace the rumour to its source and found that it was due to a confusion with the recent news of the death of Wu Lei Ch'uan. The most recent certain news of Dr. Stuart is that he was seen in the streets of Peking in February, looking tired but well.
2. Honours for Wu Lei-Chuan and Chou Hsueh-Chang. At the request of the University, the Ministry of Education has submitted the name of Wu Lei-Chuan to the Government for the conferring of posthumous honour. There is no doubt that it will be granted. The University is making the same request for Dr. Henry Chou Hsueh-Chang.
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The recent trend of the Yenching News is worth your notice, and reflects the changing atmosphere of Chengtu.
4. List of Faculty promised last week, is not yet ready.
5. Faculty Invalids. Dr. Chao Jen-Tsun, who nearly died of pancreatitis in the fall, has been taken ill again, but not so violently. It may be the same illness, or may be due to the gall-bladder. He is under observation and will be operated on later.
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Policy and details must be fixed by the end of May, in order that we can issue appointments at the beginning of June, which is already late.

Friday 4 May 1945

With kindest regards,

/s/ Ma Kian

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(Chairman, Administrative Committee)

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENGDU

Chengdu, China

6 May 1945

Mr. Charles H. Corbett
A.B.C.C.C.
New York

Dear Mr. Corbett,

I am writing to thank you for your letter of February 23rd, giving news and opinions from USA concerning the shortening of College courses.

With the gradual lightening of the strain on China, due to the successful American campaigns in the East and the opening up of Burma in the West, there has been a tendency here to think more in the old terms, and not to look for a speeded up education for any except doctors. Probably such changes as are made will be made gradually in small steps.

There has been a notable increase in student activities in the whole country through the past six months. The old lassitude and unwillingness of students to concern themselves with anything but their own pleasures or studies has given place to an eager interest in national and world events. The process of the wars in east and west, the hopes of the San Francisco Conference now, and China's Kuo Min Ta Hui later, the world-wide interplay of national interests and intranational ideologies, are studied with detailed care and analysis.

In Yenching, aligning ourselves with the University's tradition, we want our students to be keenly interested in the problems of society. We only hope that they will not be led through immature enthusiasms or the machinations of politicians behind the scenes into actions which jeopardise public welfare or the conduct of the University.

So we are relying on that understanding between students and faculty members which has marked Yenching in the past, and distinguishes Yenching from most other Universities now. We sympathise with and trust our students, and in return they take us into their confidence, and regard us as their friends. Thus we hope to combine for the benefit of the country the enthusiasm of youth and the experience of age.

With kindest regards

Ma Kiam

(Chairman Administrative Committee)

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May 11, 1945

Miss Mary Cookingham
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Miss Cookingham:

Regarding back salary settlement for the Yenching faculty and staff now at Chengtu, apparently Miss Chou Kuo-ping's case still requires memo from me to you. When we first made out the list at Chengtu of the people who had already arrived, Miss Chou was not there and therefore not included. Since then she has arrived at Chengtu and resumed her duties in the University. I believe she should now be included in the list and treated on the same basis as the others.

Thanking you for your attention to this,

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENG TU

Weekly Letter No. 3

FRIDAY May 11, 1945

Dear Mr. Ballou:

1. Acknowledgment of letters: This week we received a copy of your letter of February 9th, with the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting on December 1st. The original arrived here before Y.P. left for the States, and he has dealt with all the points you raised.
2. Faculty Directory: I enclose a revised Faculty Directory. The date given in the last column opposite each name is the month and year in which that person joined the faculty.
3. Alumni News: Since we came to Chengtu, we have often been worried by the lack of adequate understanding between the alumni and the University. Criticism has sometimes arisen because of lack of information. Recently the F.E.C. determined to strengthen our relationship with alumni, who have worked hard for the School in the financial campaign. So an Alumni News is to be issued, to keep them in touch with university events. Mr. Hsiung has posted you a copy of the first number.
4. Education Department: An inspector recently arriving in Chengtu from the Ministry of Education confirmed the rumour that in future non-government universities will be allowed to set up Departments of Education. This is in line with the general improvement in educational policy noted since Chu Chia Hua became Minister of Education. We hope that it means that before long, with Dr. Han Ching Lien, Dr. Wei Yung Ching, Dr. R.C. Sailer, and others, available, Yenching will be able to take up again its work in the training of teachers.
5. Roosevelt Memorial Meeting: Mr. Lapwood is sending you a copy of the Appeal passed as a resolution at a mass meeting of students and teachers of the local Universities on the occasion of the Roosevelt Memorial Meeting.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Ma Kiam

(Chairman, Administrative Committee)

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue

New York, N. Y.

The following is taken from a personal letter to C. A. Evans received today:

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"Swiss note May 3 states Swiss Consular agent Hoeppli at Peking reports he delivered to Dr. Leighton Stuart a communication from Doctor Eleanor Watkins, San Francisco dated September 18, 1944, and that Stuart received two letters from Americans interned Weihsien.

Note adds that Bowen recovered from a cold and not suffered during winter as he obtained a stove.

Note states further Houghton received many birthday presents including wines and liquors from friends whose names not required by guardians, and that a resident of Peiping who corresponds with all three received letters from them during the month of March."

TO: Mr. Ballou
Miss Cockingham
Mr. Corbett ✓
Mrs. Mills

May 23, 1945.

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June 1, 1945

To Yenching Alumni in the United States and Canada:

After an interesting flying trip I am now among you here in America. I left Chungking on April 20 and landed in Washington, D.C. on May 1. I am surely happy to be back in America again, and I shall consider it one of my greatest pleasures to be able to visit and talk with many of you about Yenching.

You will be glad to hear that the general outlook in China is much brighter now than it was six months ago and the morale of the population was high when I left. Politically, much more public discussion and activity on national issues are in evidence. With proper preparation and guidance the National Assembly, called for November 12, may really lay the cornerstone for a modern democratic government in China. The economic situation is still serious. But the harvests in West China have been good, and all signs this spring point to another auspicious year. To an agricultural economy, such as China's, this fact is of supreme importance and will help to head off economic collapse. The military developments are much more assuring and it is now conclusively demonstrated that given adequate equipment and supplies, the Chinese army will have an important part in driving the Japanese off the Asiatic mainland.

You will also be glad to hear that in spite of the very difficult condition of things, your alma mater in Chengtu is going strong. The faculty are loyal and students hard-working. There are 408 students registered this term. Nearly 70 expect to graduate at the June commencement. Some 13% of the men student body joined the forces last winter. The financial situation of faculty and students is deplorable and desperate. General cost has risen 1500 times and a professor's salary 100 times. That means his purchasing power has been reduced to six or seven percent. The most urgent need lies in health and nutrition. We are trying to find the means to send more vitamins.

The \$10,000,000 campaign was launched in China about a year ago and it has gone over the top after a year's effort. The Endowment Committee has invested all the money in government gold bullion bonds, and the improved government rate for these bonds has placed the University in a very advantageous position. Everybody who has had a share in this campaign rejoices over its successful conclusion and the alumni all over the country are especially to be congratulated for their efforts and the result. The alumni in the United States and Canada are also conducting their campaign toward this endowment fund. When I was in Washington I was told that the Washington Chapter had already reached its quota of \$500. When I was in Cambridge I attended a party given by the Yenching Alumni Association officers of Cambridge and Boston to a group of Chinese young people in appreciation of their contribution to a program that was put on a few weeks ago. That program brought in nearly \$700 and put the local Alumni Association beyond their quota. Such loyalty and support to their alma mater on the part of the Yenching alumni as I meet them everywhere is a source of inspiration and courage.

I have been in America for nearly four weeks now. Needless to say I have been enjoying myself hugely, and I am looking forward to all the new contacts, experiences, and excitement that the coming months will bring. But, in spite of it all, I seem to begin to feel homesick. For a great and old nation is this moment going through her birth pains. A new and possibly even greater nation is being brought into the world. Yenching University is helping this process in a very definite way. I belong there and hate to miss it. I want to have a share in it. And you will too, of course.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Cordially yours,

T. P. Mei

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENG TU

Weekly Letter No. 4

Friday May 18th 1945

Dear Mr. Ballou,

1. Acknowledgment of letters. During this week we received a letter from Mr. Corbett, but none from you.
2. Ministry of Education Inspector - on visit here has stated that the Ministry of Education intends to decrease the number of required subjects of study in each department, thus leaving much more freedom to individual universities to map out their own curriculum.
3. Gift from England. A gift of Two Hundred Pounds has been received through the British China Christian Universities Association, from three British firms interested in the Far East. It is the forerunner of others, and should be used for scientific education. We intend to plan carefully the use of the gift - probably mainly for industrial chemistry - in such a way as to ensure continuance of interest in our work on the part of the original donors. No conditions are attached to this instalment.
4. Mr. Chu Hsueh Fan, of the Chinese Labour Association, is in Chengtu, discussing plans for training of personnel for labour welfare work. Yenching College of Public Affairs has been promised a grant of half a million dollars, half of which has already been received, for a special training programme which is to begin next semester.
Neither this grant nor the gift mentioned in (3) above were budgeted, and the work envisaged by the donors is additional to the normal programme of the University.
5. Miss Fan, Principal of the Hua Mei Girls' School, to which belong the buildings where we work, announced that she wished to move back the school next semester. After an interview with Mr. Ma, however, she agreed to extend Yenching's tenancy for a further six months - that is, to the end of the Fall Semester, 1945-6. By that time, many hope that Nanking will be moving back to its old home, and space on the campus will be free for Yenching. Anyway, Miss Fan was only willing, as in the past, to negotiate for six months at a time.
6. Mr. Han Ching-Lien. Alumni in Chungking have informed us that Mr. Han would be here during the second half of May, but we have no direct word from him.
7. Prices. The Fulltime Service Increment multiple advanced last month from 55 to 64. This means that prices rose by over 16 per cent during the month, and prices are now 1600 times prewar.
8. Miss Ruth van Kirk - has heard that a boat is due to leave India soon for America, and so she is proceeding to India on Wednesday next - May 23rd. We have to make up her courses during the next month. The English Department has suffered the loss of Miss Boynton and Miss van Kirk during the year. We greatly hope that our friends in America will be able to help to make up the numbers of our English-teaching personnel before too long elapses.
9. Mrs. Hsu P'eng-Cheng (Miss Kung Lan-Chen) is still hoping to get away from Shanghai, according to recent news from her younger brother. We have tried to send her news of Mr. Hsu's coming, and very much hope that they will soon be here together.

With kindest regards,

/s/ Ma Kiam (Chairman, Administrative Comm.)

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Dr. Y. P. Mei

Saturday Noon. May 12, 1945

Dear Y. P.:

Two things this noon.

First, about an hour ago Carrington Goodrich called me on the phone to extend to you, thru me, a cordial invitation from him and M. S. Goodrich to go out and live with them in their home next week, beginning Monday (afternoon, I presume). They have a guest room and a bathroom which will be vacant from Monday, and they would like very much to have you occupy it until you go to Boston. (I told them ~~ff~~ that from your conversation yesterday I gathered you were planning to go up there a week from tomorrow, Sunday the 20th). He and M. S. Goodrich were most cordial in their invitation and I am sure you will enjoy your stay there if you go. They live a long way out, at 640 West 238th Street, way up on the west side, but easily reached by subway, tho it takes some time to get there. Their telephone number is Kingsbridge 3-3589. He would like you to call him up on the phone either this evening or tomorrow afternoon after ~~1/2~~ 1 o'clock (or perhaps between 9 and 10 tomorrow morning) as to whether you will be going out to stay with them on Monday.

Second, here is a reply from Dr. Hsu to the letter I wrote him on the 5th., a copy of which I gave you on Sunday. It is much more encouraging. From now on I think you are the man to carry the correspondence further, so will leave the letter with you. If we can help you on the matter further here in the office of course call on us freely. Most of the questions seem to those which you can best answer.

We'll be seeing you early in the week, I hope. Monday, perhaps?

Cordially yours,

You have my home phone number, I think, in case anything comes up over Sunday: GR 3-6178

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June 1, 1945

Acting-President Y. P. Mei
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Mei:

You will undoubtedly recall that, at the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University, two actions were taken which it was requested you should receive and transmit to the proper people in China.

I have the pleasure of quoting these actions to you as follows:

VOTED that the Trustees direct their Secretary to express to President Mei and to the Alumni hearty appreciation of their sacrificial action in raising the \$10,000,000 fund and our feeling that it represents cooperation of interest between themselves and ourselves that augurs well for the future of the University.

VOTED that through President Mei we send our gratitude and appreciation of the gift of four scrolls sent to the Board of Trustees.

Very sincerely yours,

Earle H. Ballou
Secretary

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Mr. Earle Ballou
Associated Boards, C.C.C.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Earle:

Sailing when arrive?
I have your good letter of June 7 and the enclosure. I have already had a good and hearty talk with Dr. P. C. Hsu here in Chicago. He is all set for coming to New York for the faculty conference and is starting back to Chengtu shortly after, possibly to go with Ran Sailer. I have found Dr. Hsu a most remarkable teacher and co-worker, and we are looking forward to a great contribution from him at Chengtu. He will be coming in for supper this evening, and I shall show him what S. D. Wilson has written about books and apparatus.

It is a disappointment that President Van Dusen cannot be at the faculty conference at all. We have to depend on you to make the presentation of the Planning Committee's report, either yourself or somebody else you can find to do it. I hope this is not too much to ask you.

The information from Chengtu letters is certainly very interesting. Some of these items we may have to go over together when I get back to New York.

I am having a good time all along the way and everything seems to be working out well. I am a little anxious about the results of the Rockefeller Foundation committee meeting at which our request for \$15,000 will be considered. Will it be possible for you or Mr. Evans to send me the result of their discussion by wire? There should also be a cable to Mr. Hausske giving him as complete a list as possible of American *income* *for* field *income* for 1945-6. Before leaving New York, I cabled him about the \$1000 for field trips and \$7000 for special research granted by the Harvard Engineering Institute. I hope you will be able to get together with Mr. Evans and work something out for Mr. Hausske's guidance.

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei
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June 7, 1946

Dr. Y. P. Mei
c/o Mrs. George Pollock
5807 Dorchester Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Y.P.:

A letter has just come in from Stanley Wilson, who has his reservations all made and expects to arrive on Thursday June 28. He also has something to say in reply to my inquiry about things which it would be well for Hsu Peng-cheng to take back to China if he can. I quote the relevant paragraph from his letter. You will note he suggests definitely the possibility of his talking with Dr. Hsu but also raises the question of your discussing the matter with him.

"You are asking what Hsu Peng-cheng should take with him to aid him in research. That is a very difficult question for me to answer until I have an opportunity to talk with him. In general, perhaps a few books, say five to ten volumes, would be of great value. Then next perhaps a few pounds of some special chemicals which he could not find in Free China. Most likely this need would be met if he should take 15 to 20 lbs. of such goods. Perhaps he might need fifty pounds however. Finally he might need a few special pieces of apparatus. This is all guess work. A few minutes with him will tell me much more than I can suggest without talking to him in person. Perhaps while Y.P. is in Chicago he can settle the whole matter."

Hoping that all is going well with you and that the good weather which seems at last to have arrived here accompanies you wherever you go, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Cohen of Leno #112 from Dr. Mei

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Dictated June 12.

Dr. Y. P. Mei
c/o Mrs. George Pollock
5807 Dorchester Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Y.P.:

I had a call yesterday afternoon from an interesting young man who wants to talk with you after you get back to New York. He is just now attending summer session at Union Seminary and will be leaving on Friday, June 29. I hope it will be possible to give him perhaps as much as an hour on the 28th, the day you return. His work at the Seminary is centered around the middle of the day so that he says he has to be there only from eleven until a little after one. If you can put him down in your book for sometime in mid-morning or mid or later afternoon on Friday and let me know, I will pass the word on to him.

I inclose his card so that you can both see the way he westernizes his name and what the characters are. He was born in Kwangtung and was taken to Hawaii at the age of four. He has been educated in both English and Cantonese, is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and of the Chicago Theological Seminary. You will notice he has been pastor of a Chinese Church in Honolulu, and he is now doing graduate work on a fellowship at Hartford Seminary. He and a number of friends, including a man whom he is sure you know, Ching Hung-wo, have a very interesting dream of a self-supporting center of Christian work and rural reconstruction preferably in the North. But during the first years of his return to his native land he wishes to do some teaching while learning the national language and acclimating himself. The scheme may strike you as being rather wild, but he has a lot of energy and, I would say, a lot of devotion. In any case he wants very much to talk with you while he is still within range.

It has turned summer here with a vengeance and we sigh for the coolness if not the dampness of a week and more ago.

Cordially yours,

Inclosure.
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June 13, 1945

Professor Leonard D. White
Department of Political Science
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Professor White:

It was certainly a pleasure for me to have had the visit with you this morning. I am so glad to hear that you are already thinking of helping Dr. Hsu and Yenching University by sending us books and other material. I am sure it will be a greatly welcome gift when it arrives in Chengtu. As I indicated, I should not like to have you take any more trouble about the book cases ~~than~~ having them sent to the New York office of the University, which is 150 Fifth Avenue. What I overlooked to say is that you should send them C.O.D.

If you should happen to have a list of the material you are sending worked out, we shall be very grateful if you can send us one or two copies of the list if you can spare them. If you have to copy the list out for our purpose, please send us four or five copies on thin paper and we shall be happy to pay for the service. If you have boxed up the books without taking a list, please just do not bother about it.

Let me assure you again how happy I was to make your acquaintance and to talk about our University this morning, and we are very grateful for your help and assistance to Dr. Hsu and to Yenching.

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei

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June 21, 1945

Dr. Y. P. Mei
c/o The Oberlin Inn
Oberlin, Ohio

Dear Y.P.:

I have two letters of yours to acknowledge and answer. It is fine that Dr. Hsu is coming on for the Yenching Conference. When will he arrive? If it is before ^{Friday} Saturday morning we should make a reservation for him.

The attendance at the Conference is going to be excellent. Fourteen people have already said they will come and five are still to be heard from. Louise Sailer as well as Ran will be here for part of the time. I understand Hsia Yun has just been married and will bring his bride. We are clearing with the hotel to make sure that accommodations will be available for all. Several of us will slip back into town for the night, thereby relieving pressure a bit. I believe I mentioned to you that before the dates for this Conference were set I had agreed to attend an Interseminary Conference, which will keep me until sometime late on Saturday. I am sorry about this, but the circumstances are such that I do not feel I should pull out from that meeting.

Mr. Corbett has been the Secretary of the Planning Committee since its organization and is, I am sure, a better man to present its findings as related to Yenching.

Mr. Evans tells me that word came through only yesterday or the day before that the Rockefeller Foundation Committee has made a grant of \$8000.00 for this next academic year - quite a bit less than the \$15,000 you requested but hopefully enough to be of real help. This information and other items mentioned in the last paragraph of your letter of June 13 will be cabled to Mr. Hausake, if such a cable has not already gone.

I inclose a copy of the Minutes of the Yenching Executive Committee. Those of the full Trustee Board Meeting are just in process of being stenciled and will not be ready for another day or two. Letters have already gone to Mr. Lapwood and to Dr. Cocker Brown of the LMS Society, raising with the latter the question of that Society's carrying all three years of Mr. Lapwood's absence from China. As you will recall, Dr. Warnshuis felt that final decision regarding the third year was not an immediate necessity, so that it could be discussed back and forth unhurriedly.

The address of President Stuart's son is

Rev. John L. Stuart
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Bealton, Virginia

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We certainly have had in mind the possibility of becoming residual legates to Uncle Sam's Army nephews in China. We have had already some correspondence with the field and with friends at this end. Ran Sailer and Sidney Gamble are among those whose eyes and ears are alert, ready to take advantage of whatever openings may occur. Opinion to date is that the time has not yet come when any definite approaches or requests can be made. The idea is that among us we should be able to find out when the iron does become hot enough to strike. Meanwhile there has been a very interesting development in Washington regarding the disposal of surplus supplies before they are sent abroad. Mr. Evans made a trip down there to look into the matter, and there seems to be an excellent chance that all our Colleges may benefit very substantially. There will be details to report to you about this upon your return. Even with a good deal of foginess in the situation, it does look pretty good.

I am writing to Mr. Kwok in line with your suggestion. Probably if he gets here a little before ten he can have a brief conference with you and get back to the Seminary in time for his morning appointment.

We shall await with interest the arrival of such books as may come from your correspondence with Professor White.

Tommy Breece writes that it is quite impossible for him to get away to attend the meeting but, "We are certainly considering Yenching in Chengtu. A letter will follow."

The news in the latest weekly report from Dr. Ma as to permission to teach Education in private institutions is very cheering - just the sort of thing we have been hoping for.

With best wishes for a delightful week at Cleveland, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Inclosure.
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June 25, 1945

Dr. Y. P. Mei
The Oberlin Inn
Oberlin, Ohio

Dear Y.P.:

This latest weekly letter, No. 4, from Dr. Ma has just come to hand and I am sure you will be interested in the items of news it contains. I am therefore sending a copy in the hope that it will reach you before you leave Oberlin. We are keen to hear your report of all the interesting things which must have been happening to you.

Word has come that Miss Wagner, Miss Stahl, and Miss Duncan all plan to attend the Yenchiang Conference. We expect to hear from Dr. Adolph in another day or so. It certainly gives promise of being an interesting meeting.

Cordially yours,

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New York 11, New York
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Mr. Earle Ballou
Associated Boards, C.C.C.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Earle:

I have several matters on hand to go over with you. Let me be brief and put them in itemized form.

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As soon as you have shaped up the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Yenching Trustee Board, please send me a copy of the resolution on Lapwood's subsidy for study. I should be writing him about it so that he will have an idea as to how to plan ahead.

I wonder if you have Dr. Stuart's son's name and address in the office. I have been wanting to get in touch with him but have so far neglected it. I should like to have his address so as to be able to start corresponding with him.

On this trip I have met several people who spoke of the possibility of the ABCCC colleges getting some of the material from the American government that is likely to be left in China by the American Army after the war. I wonder if this idea has ever come to you and I wonder whether steps have already been taken in this direction. It looks to me like a possibility worth probing. I shall be ready to do anything I can about it because of my present connection with the State Department.

June 28
In your letter of June 13 you recommended an appointment for Mr. Kwock on Thursday morning. My train gets to New York at 8 a.m., if it is not late. I think I shall be in the office by 9:30. He can see me any time during the morning. The best thing is for him to come in at 12 and we can talk over lunch and save time, but apparently that is not in accord with his schedule at the seminary.

The inclosed copy of my letter to Professor White of the University of Chicago will give you an idea about some book boxes that might be arriving at the office before long.

I am returning herewith the note from President Van Dusen.

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei

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150 Fifth Avenue
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Associated Boards, C.C.C.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

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I am returning herewith the note from President Van Dusen.

Sincerely yours,

Y. L. Mel

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REMARKS:

1. letter by above dated July 3, 1942 and mimeographed. and budget for 1942-43 attached
2. Yenching University Second Memo on Reopening of University in Free China. dated June 4, 1942
3. Copy of a telegram dated June 24, 1942 sent to Dwight Edwards re : full time service
4. from- Cablegram dated Feb. 17, 1942
5. Minutes of the meeting of the Emergency Board of Directors of Yenching Univ
6. from-letter dated March 13, 1943 from Elsie Priest re: reporting to us about funds in bank
7. from-letter dated January 9, 1943 from Elsie Priest re: having connection in Yenching shares
8. Copy of letters written by Serge Elisseeff to above dated Dec. 30, 1942 in ack. to letter dated Aug. 31, 1942 from Y.P.Mei
9. to-letter dated July 14, 1943 written by Mr. McBrier to Y.P.Mei and Letter from Y.P.Mei dated April 10, 1943 re: reopening of Yenching in
1. FORM LETTERS- YENCHING (also-to-lett. of June 15, 1943 (Free China. by C.A.E. 43.

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2. Yenching University (Ind. folder) July, 1942

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3. Dwight Edwards file
4. " "
5. Minutes - Yenching Univ. (Ind. folder)
6. Elsie Priest's file
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8. Serge Elisseeff (Ind. folder)
9. Mc Brier Foundation (Ind. folder)

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- REMARKS:
1. Science Report and Plan
Request for Remittance of Natural Science Endowment Funds for 1942-3 and 1943-4.
Yenching's Universities Younger Set.
Nursery School Diets
Natural Science Endowment
 2. Explanation of Photos a list sent here by Y.P.Mei
 3. On December 8, 1942 Chengtu, Y.P.Mei wrote an account of Broadcast Speech regarding Formal Re-opening of Yenching University.
 4. Semester Report of Acting President Fall 1942 re: Yenching University reopening, name of buildings and etc.
 5. to-Letter of April 10, 1943 regarding request for funds to carry on Religious Programme (from- Letter of July 14, 1943)
 6. Yenching University in Chengtu Personnel of Provisional Board of 1942-44 Managers
 - ~~7. to-Letter dated April 27, 1943 re: scholarship for Xuehuan~~
 7. to-Letter dated September 23, 1943 re: billing us for \$16.14 for cablegrams
 8. Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Board of Directors of Yenching Univ. (Field Copy)

SEE 1. Yenching University (Ind. folder)
2. " "

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3. Yenching University (ind. folder)

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5. Mc Brier Foundation (ind. folder)

6. Yenching Univ. (Ind. folder)

7. Mackay Radio Co. (Misc. folder)

8. Minutes - Yenching Univ. file

Budget of College of Public Affairs sent here by Y.P. Mei - See Budgets - Yenching file

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- REMARKS:
1. from-letter dated January 20,1943 in regard to Yenching Univ.
 2. from- letter dated September 4,1943 from Dr. Fenn regarding Yenching income for income
 3. to-letter dated January 3,1944 regarding above sending a corrected report
 4. Radiogram dated Decmeber 17,1943 re: Yenching celebration and above's health
 5. to-letter dated January 21,1944 regarding McBrier Foundation written by E.M.McBrier
 6. a letter from Hsu,Yung-shun dated Sept. 8,1943 regarding a request from Y.P.MeI regarding going back to China

- SEE
1. William P. Fenn's file
 2. " "

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3. Harvard-Yenching Institute (Ind. folder)
4. Ralph Lapwood (Misc. folder)
5. McBrier Foubdation (Ind. folder)
6. Mr. Hsu, Yung-shun (Misc. folder)

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1.
REMARKS: from- a letter dated March 20, 1944 written to above by Stanley D. Wilson regarding situation in China

2. from-Y.P.MeI an address broadcasted from the Chengtu Broadcasting Station on December 8, 1943, the first anniversary of the Formal Reopening of Yenching Univ. in Chengtu "The Aim of Yenching University" to

3. a letter ~~from~~ Mrs. Y.P.MeI dated January 22, 1944 re: having a girl for the scholarship from Dean Dubach's Class.

4. Report of conversation with Pres. Mei in Kunming in November 1943

5. from-letter dated Feb. 24, 1944 re: R.C.Sailer getting US \$400.00 and advised that this money to be sent to above

6. to-letter dated April 5, 1944 written by Mr. McBrier

7. Report of Acting President - May 20, 1944

SEE 1. Stanley D. Wilson (Ind. folder)
2. Yenching Univ. (Ind. folder)

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3. Dean U.G.Dubach (Misc. folder)

4. Dr. Wm.P.Fenn's file

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- REMARKS:
1. Faculty-Staff statistics 1943
 2. from-letter dated March 9, 1944 signed by all President's re: Proposed Budgets for 1944-45
 3. to-letter dated September 14, 1944 regarding \$105.00 for above
 4. to-letter dated September 26, 1944 regarding \$100.00 being sent to above
 5. to-letter dated October 23, 1944
from-letter dated June 24, 1944 regarding Planning Committee
 6. to-letter dated October 31, 1944 regarding \$30.00 to above to be used as desired
 7. from-letter dated May 23, 1944 re: above returning to Chungking
 8. A copy of a letter dated Sept. 11, 1944 sent to us by T.C.Tang
 9. from-letter dated November 29, 1944 regarding above has been elected by Yenching Univ.
 10. Mimeo. copy dated Jan. 9, 1945 - FOR THE PRESS

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1. Yenching Univ. file
2. Pres. Edgar C. Tang's file

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3. Elsie M. Priest's file
4. Dr. Howard S. Galt file
5. Pres. Y.G.Chen's file
6. Mrs. George Lauman Pollock (Misc. folder)
7. A.C.Hausske (Ind. folder)
8. T.C.Tang's file
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- REMARKS:
1. from-letter dated March 30,1945 regarding the Presidents sending greetings to everyone at the Annual meeting
 2. from-letter dated April 18,1945 regarding \$200.00 for above while in New York
 3. a letter written by above dated May 14,1945 regarding bitimins from America to Faculty and Students
 4. A letter written to Serge Elisseeff dated August 22,1944 by above re: Annual report and statement of income and expenditures of H-Y. Inst. ending June 30,1944

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1. Lincoln Dsang (Ind. folder)
2. Hausske, A.C. file

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