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My dear Mr. Carley —

Manassas, Mass

Aug. 16

Thank you for your letter
of the 11th & 12th keeping me informed.
I tried to phone you ^{day before} yesterday but
they didn't find you and I gave the
message to Wheeler. Its points are

The Terman

1. Glad he's going back on 24th. I
save some trouble.
2. We cannot sign Russell Terman's
clergy certificate.
3. My case to Stuart, raised as ~~Terman~~ ^{assumed}
guessed, a new question in Stuart's mind which
was not intended by me - i. e. I had supposed
Stuart would assume finance was as before
but missionary part might be provided.
4. We can assume no responsibility
for Russell Terman's outgoing. Terman must
take this himself - and ~~renew~~ with the possibility
of employment for the lad only on the basis of
what Stuart said and he ought not to hold
Stuart to it ~~do this strictly~~ as he had had not
been seen by Stuart - and Stuart ought not to

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be under compulsion of any kind to look out
for him. Stuart has troubles enough as it is.

II. Leavenworth.

My feeling is that we ought not to
take him on now unless the Managers (Stuart)
draw him for 3 year biology contract - letting
the other develop before jumping into it.

I think we want full approval
by field & Trustees of definite plans and
objectives on the Agric matter properly
coordinated with banking before any
men are hired. This will require
some months to produce.

I am glad to hear of Mr.
Stevens attitude and quite agree
with him that we will have to move
carefully and wisely.

Sincerely

Eric M. M.

TERMAN

PEKING UNIVERSITY

Memorandum

May 19, 1927

Mr. Evans:

Enclosed you will find copy of a letter I have written to Dr. Gamewell. You will note the implications of the second paragraph quoted from Dr. Stuart's letter. You will also note that if Terman is to return he must return with his support sufficiently assured in the judgment of the Trustees. This is the critical item in the whole matter and I believe we ought to be very careful to see that if Terman undertakes to raise his support everything possible be done to have him understand the kind of assurance which the University must have. I believe that we ought not ^{to} agree to his outgoing unless there are signed pledges covering the cost of his outgoing and return and salary for five years.

E. M. NORTH

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August
Seventeen
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Dr. Eric M. North,
Marshfield, Mass.

My dear Dr. North:-

Your letter of yesterday just received and I want to report on what I have done to date about Mr. Terman.

He agreed to come in on Monday about four o'clock to see what you had said about his nephew, but he came in in the morning, probably before you had received my letter. I asked him to call me by phone later in the day and stayed in the office until about 6 o'clock and came in very promptly the next morning, as he said he would be leaving on Tuesday. His nephew is 16 years of age. I told him that my own opinion was that he ought not to take him after the tone of Dr. Stuart's message. I reported the boy's age to Dr. Luce and he agreed that, all other considerations aside, he thought this was sufficient to justify our insisting on his not taking him. Professor Terman, however, seemed rather determined and said he would call me. Having no word from him on Tuesday I sent the following message to Mansfield, his home, after talking with Wheeler and Scott:

"Unanimously agreed here that under circumstances nephew should not go."

On Wednesday morning I got a postal from Mansfield which seemed to indicate that he had left on Monday rather than Tuesday and on which he said:

"Failing to get you on the phone yesterday is leaving me somewhat puzzled. On the basis of Dr. Luce's opinion, however, I am leaving Mansfield to-day with my nephew. I cannot believe that Dr. Stuart is the man to so suddenly change his mind or go back on such a definite agreement as we had."

My telegram to him must have been delivered, though sent after he said he was leaving, for it has not been returned. Possibly Russell's family received the message and forwarded it. He has given me the impression all the time of being determined to take the boy whether or no and I do not believe that we ought to have a boy of 17 on our hands next year with obligation to pay him a salary. He does not

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sail until the 24th, so there should be time for messages back and forth if necessary.

In regard to Professor Kenoyer, whispered reports from different members of the Presbyterian staff indicated that things were not perfectly satisfactory and one of the girls told me she heard one man say that Mrs. Kenoyer ought not to go back to the mission field, or words to that effect. With this in mind I wired Mr. Kenoyer on Monday:

"Peking advises that biology instructor has been secured there. May need man in agriculture department but it depends upon securing special funds and this means further action by board. Fear it will be unwise for you to count on us. Will wire if arrangements seem possible toward middle of September."

I followed this with a letter enlarging a little on one or two points but changing nothing. I added this:

"We will be in fairly close touch with Peking by cable and will let you know if anything interesting develops. In the meantime you might let us know whether you have made other plans or not. We are sorry for this break in plans that seemed possible a few days ago, but working as we do at long range we are sometimes a little in the dark.

Trusting that events may work out quite to your liking, I am,"

The Medical Report concerning Miss Ashton has just been received. I think that physically she is all right.

Sorry to bother you with all this when you ought to be mentally free.

Cordially yours,

HKC
CMM

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o Peking University

May 19, 1927

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

I quote the following two paragraphs from a letter from President J. Leighton Stuart with reference to the withdrawal of Mr. E. L. Terman:

"The Methodist Mission has served notice that instructions from their Board compel them to reduce our quota from five men to four. This action is not entirely a surprise, although I hope it is only a temporary necessity. It has seemed best to ask Mr. Terman to retire and take his furlough a year earlier than it would naturally be due. There has always been a certain measure of uncertainty as to his fitness for University teaching. He has temperamental defects and is not usually found capable of taking the responsibilities that would naturally be associated with his special preparation. On the other hand there is no more hard-working and loyal member of our staff. He has always been eager to do anything that he could. Many students are extremely fond of him, and those who are not have largely become so because their expectations were raised too high by their earlier contact with him.

"He is very anxious to return to the University and has asked what our attitude would be if he could raise his own support. The Faculty Executive Committee took action yesterday, not without some hesitation, to the effect that if his support was secured on a basis that relieved the Trustees of all obligations and seemed to them sufficiently assured, we saw no reason at this time why he should be discouraged from returning; but deferred final action until the Department of Education could act on the matter after the beginning of next session. He is quite confident that there will be no difficulty in securing his own support, although the rest of us are much more skeptical. I rather expect that the problem will solve itself. In the event, however, of his finding the necessary support, we are ready to stand by this action."

My judgment is that the Trustees ought not to permit Mr. Terman to go back unless he is able to give the Trustees assurance in the way of signed

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pledges covering cost of outgoing and return and of salary for five years, a somewhat difficult matter to raise at the present time. It seems to me therefore, quite within the realm of possibility that Mr. Terman's future will really be a matter to be determined between the Methodist Board and himself.

I need not say that we profoundly regret the necessity which causes the Methodist Board to reduce the number of men in its quota from six to four. The lessening of the value and influence of the Methodist Board's staff, both on historical and practical grounds, is very deeply to be deplored. I most earnestly hope that the restoration of the full quota will be given the most careful and effective attention as soon as a change in the finances of the Board makes this possible.

Faithfully yours,

EMH
Secretary
Peking University

EMH-H

CC: Dr. John R. Edwards
Mr. Evans

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peking, China

E. L. Terman

May 21, 1927.

Mr. E. A. Evans,
Yenching University
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have Dr. North's letter of May third regarding the authorization of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Kurrie to go ahead with my house. I have a letter from Mrs. Kurrie in the same mail written after the date of his. There was no reference to this matter, although she indicated that her husband was writing me on business. I had better wait until his letter comes before making any decision.

Regarding the residence given by Mrs. Henry A. Strong of Rochester, New York, we have several times asked that the office send us an itemized statement regarding the donors of residences and any desires they have as to their use. Such a list has never been furnished and we have been unable, therefore, to make any assignments except in the few cases where we happen to know circumstances personally. It would be quite a help if such a list could be sent and we should then endeavor to distribute the houses.

We have decided to treat the house now occupied by L. E. Wolfers as donated by Mrs. Strong. Docter Wolfers is one of the Presbyterian quota on our faculty, the son of a Presbyterian minister, for many years pastor in Brooklyn. He is head of our Department of European Languages, being thoroughly at home in both French and German. He is class doyen or adviser for the Class of 1928, and one of the most earnest religious workers on our faculty. Mrs. Wolfers is the daughter of a highly respected Methodist minister, who was for many years Vice-President of the old Methodist Peking University and one of the active promoters of the present union institution. She is a lovely Christian character and exerts a fine influence in our little community. The house, as will be noted from the snow scene enclosed, is a substantial brick one, located in the extreme east end of our East Residence Compound. Please convey this information to Mrs. Strong with the assurance of our very grateful appreciation of her generous gift.

I am not sure how definitely I wrote regarding the latest decision in the case of Mr. E. L. Terman. He is to undertake to secure his own support on a basis that will enable him to return to China for some fixed period to be agreed upon with no expense to the Trustees. Such a period ought to continue as long as he plans to stay in China for I do not think the University would ever care to take him on our budget. On the other hand he is confident of being able to accomplish this, and if so, we should be glad to have him back. He ought to be given every facility for his efforts and I am sure that those in the office will cooperate with him to the best of their ability.

As I write these lines the political situation is becoming decidedly more favorable to the Southerners than at any time previous to the past two

copies of this letter in file of Kurrie

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or three days. It looks now as though they will reach Peking much earlier than has been the general feeling here. It also appears that the extreme radical element may figure prominently in the first impact on the city, in which case we shall certainly be in for some sort of disturbances. It is hard to make any predictions and I confess to quite a bit of trepidation in the light of reports from every other Christian college in China, all of which have either been closed or are carrying on under serious handicaps of one kind or another. We shall be as wise and hopeful as possible, and I am sure that we can count on the active sympathy of those at the other end. Any important developments will be communicated by cable. The particular question before us now is as to whether we dare to carry on through the Commencement as fixed for June 20th, or whether we should advance that date one or two weeks and try to get as many of the faculty and students away as possible before the storm breaks.

Later: We shall keep the original dates unless forced to change by new developments.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. Leighton Stuart

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Enc.

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American Mail Line

PEKING

June 20, 1927.

Dr. Eric North, Secy.
Board of Trustees,
Yenching University
New York City.

Dear North:

We arrive at
Seattle this P.M. Hope
to get over to New York
by July 1. Have various
commitments from
President Straub and the
Administration at Yenching
which I want to talk over
with representatives of the
Board before I begin
to function in their
fulfillment.

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I am having the most
of the mail sent to your
office. Please hold it
for me.

Will soon see you.

Fraternally

E. J. Herman.

P.S. Please without fail send to
me at London. Ohio.

Dr J. P. Fitzgerald immediately
a copy of the bud eye view
or sketch of the Yenching Campus.

Before leaving this, I want
to interest several persons in
Yenching and consider this
aid very essential.

I am having the
 map of the
 office. Please
 send me
 the map as soon
 as possible.
 Sincerely,
 J. J. Brown

Please return this
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 Sincerely,
 J. J. Brown

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Nov. 23, 1927.

Dear Leighton:-

It was a great disappointment to me not to be able to see you when in New York last week. Sorry indeed to hear of your illness but trust that by this time you are back to normal and around as usual. You have perhaps been informed that the Mrs. Crane asked me to stay on their list but to accept a position if possible for the year, in order to relieve them of my salary for the year. I have accordingly accepted the Superintendency here for one year only. Soon after coming here I was offered a good College Dept. of Education position, but turned it down. I can come back here next year with a \$500.00 raise if I want to and may have the chance of going to Cleveland as Director of Educational Research, starting at about \$5000.00. But nothing tempts me or Lucile if you can go back to Yenching, assured of something worthwhile to do.

William and various students are writing urging us to make an early decision to return. And this is why I wanted to see you.

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Aside from Dr Thompson's \$1000⁰⁰ I have taken no further steps to solicit funds for our support. This has been mainly because I rushed from F.C. Summer session, where I finished my doctorate requirements, into my work here. The Board wants these schools put on the map and I have been holding down several positions in addition to the Superintendency in order to do it. However while in N.Y. taking my Ovals, I was in hopes that I might talk the whole thing over and out with you and make some definite decisions as to next steps. I am free now to begin to make my contacts and will do so if you still advise it. If you do not expect to be in Cleveland or there here (on Lake Shore Electric from Cleveland to Toledo) soon, then please answer these questions at your convenience. What is your present attitude toward our return? What is Galt's? What is Su. J. S.? Is she still at Yenching? Is it likely that anything will prevent getting next year's sentiment in North growing for or against Yenching? Should we go back under M.S. Board if they will send us. Is this your advice to them? They have thought that you do not wish our return. Cordially - E. L. Terman.

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PEKING

June 29, 1967.

My dear Mr. Terman:

Replying to your letter of June 20th, I wish to advise you that the entire matter of your further relationship to the University will be taken up at the next meeting of the Finance Committee which will be held in about ten days, and we shall advise you.

Cordially yours,

President, Board of Trustees.

FHW/L

Mr. E. L. Terman,
c/o Dr. F. P. Fitzgerald,
London, Ohio.

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November 20, 1927

My dear Earl:

I have your letter and in my turn am sorry to have missed you when you were here.

No word has come as yet from Peking as to recommendation of the Department of Education regarding your return, although I left a memorandum requesting this as I started away. We can, however, be reasonably sure that Dr. Galt is still decided against the wisdom of your returning to our staff. Sui Wang probably shares in this opinion and there is no present action either on her part or on ours looking toward discontinuing her relationship to the University.

As I wrote you before, the action of the Faculty Executive Committee was deliberately worded as to convey to you the exact attitude of its members. In framing it more than one of those present was trying to prevent friendly feeling for you personally from a too sympathetic administrative decision. In other words, that vote expressed quite a doubtful approval of your return. I am quite sure that individual members of the faculty and not a few students are strongly in favor of your continuing with Yenching, but I have also had forced upon my attention that other teachers at any rate, some of whom are more directly concerned than those who have been most outspoken in what they have said or written to you, feel just as strongly on the other side. Added to this is the extreme difficulty of raising money in this country now for China. I feel even more discouraged than when I first came over.

The Methodist Board secretaries with whom I have talked clearly indicate that they would prefer to have you stay in this country. They also fear that any attempts of yours to raise money on your own account would, to a large extent at least, divert funds from their own sources of income. This is always a danger. The gift of Professor Thompson is a case in point. I had been planning to enlist his help in one of the general needs of the University, but am of course prevented by the knowledge that he has undertaken to help you.

Putting myself in your position and speaking rather as your friend than as an executive officer of the University, if I were in your place I should accept one of the openings which you already have in this country, at least until developments in China and especially in Yenching give a little clearer indication of a

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To E. L. Terman
Nov. 20, 1927

call to you. On the other hand I stand by the action previously taken and by my previous letter on the subject in which I especially urged an effort to secure sufficient funds to include a junior or a senior boys' middle school. I think that success in achieving this would not only turn a balance of judgment in your favor on the part of a number of people but would give you yourself a field of activity which would remove most of the present objections.

It has not been easy to write this letter but I hope you will take it as evidence of friendly affection and a deep appreciation of the splendid spirit you have been showing. For these reasons I want to be as frank as possible.

Hoping that you will yourself find a clear indication where your most effective service will lie hereafter and with anxious remembrance, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. E. L. Terman, Supt.,
Monroeville Public Schools
Monroeville, Ohio
JLS:IM

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*There is only one carbon copy.
Please return after receiving
nothing of the frank interesting.*

Dec. 6. 1927.

James E West,
Chief Scout Executive,
Boys Scouts Of America,
New York City.

Dear Chief:-

You asked me while in your office two weeks ago to write you as to my dreams and ideals for fostering a great wide program of Scouting in China. You asked me to state briefly how I think America might share in such a program and to mention some of the far-reaching ~~possibilities~~ of such sharing.

Ten years of Educational work in China, five as Principal of a large Academy for Boys in Nanchang, and five as professor in the Department of Education of Peking International University has instilled in me a deep love and a high admiration for the Chinese. Serving as Director of the National Educational Survey of 1923, at which time I visited 22 of her largest cities, and tested 92,000 of her boys and girls with the help of 2000 teachers and college students, has given me an understanding of her boyhood which I prize second to nothing else in my life. My five years of association with College students and five with high school students has given me sympathy, appreciation and understanding of the heart-throbs and dreams of new China in attempting to solve her tremendously difficult International problems today. My twenty years in BOYS work, five in scouting in China and three in preparing Scoutmasters in my "Course for scoutmasters at the University, has helped me to see in the Scouting program POSSIBILITIES which I have not seen and which I believe do not exist in any other program today, for solving China's present (or let me say the world's) present) International problems.

A few years ago China looked westward for help, advice and friendship. She found it not and in despair finally decided to accept the same from Russia. Today she is sick and tired of what Russia has to offer her and she is again looking longingly westward, this time especially to America. Our self-centered commercial and political interests have been appealed to in vain for several years by Chinese statesmen and student leaders. She does not want to, but is fast coming to the place where she fears that she must class us with other western nations as her enemies. All of these problems are of course associated with and in many ways prompted by misunderstandings on the part of both Chinese and Westerners. But these misunderstandings are carrying in their wake exceedingly grave consequences. Each year, nay each month that they are permitted to drift on unsolved, inculcating as they are at each turn new hatreds, new animosities, new desires on the

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part of China's millions to some time seek revenge, are certainly not leading us very far toward a world brotherhood.

All of this background has lead me to make the following bold assertion.- That there is nothing in the world today anywhere that has more of genuine promise in it for preparing the East and West to meet as brothers and join in a family of nations as per our highest visions, than has the great Scout program. The nation that can share with China in helping her to build up a nation-wide high-standard scouting program just at this time will be making one of the greatest contributions toward this world brotherhood. No nation is in a better position today, first because of its welcome in China and secondly, because of its high scouting standards at home, to make this contribution than is America. I am absolutely convinced that no other organization in America, not even excluding our National Government, can do anything that will mean more in the world's progress toward PEACE in the next ten years, than can the Boy Scouts of America by sending across the Pacific to the BOYS of China a great BIG GOOD TURN. By a good TURN I mean thousands of them banding together in backing a movement to send to the BOYS OF CHINA the wherewith-all to set up on Chinese soil-say in their capital- by Chinese and for Chinese, but with American sympathetic counsel, a National Scout headquarters, thoroughly equipped with staff to produce literature and give expert guidance to a nation wide movement to bring SCOUTING, with all the advantages that we know it has for boys in U.S.A. to as many boys in China.

The National Association for the Advancement of Education, the institution that fostered the National Survey of Education, is welcoming and ready to sponsor such a movement. Its leaders are already guiding in the expenditure of the returned Boxer Indemnity Funds-an unspeakably appreciated gift of America to China, and are welcoming with outstretched hands such tokens of World Friendship as the Rockefeller Medical College and Hospital and Peking University in Peking. Such a new and unique good turn as the one mentioned above coming from the new generation in U.S.A. and going to the new generation in China, would be heralded by both old and new in China as the opening of a new era, contrasting strangely but sharply with the present gun-boat era. We are sending to China today much of our cast-off, uncensored movies, illicit liquor, boatload after boatload of cigarettes etc, etc.. It has been my joy to spend ten years of my life in carrying to them something better. I should like, I covet the privilege of spending ~~the~~ at least the next ^{year} in carrying to the BOYHOOD of CHINA from the BOYS SCOUT OF AMERICA a token of International Goodwill such as is outlined below.

Fraternally Yours in the B.S.A.

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Copy for Dr Stroud.
 I would give about
 1/2 time to this by 1/2 4-
 Yenching.

Plan for an American Boy Scout "GOOD TURN" in China.

Personel

American Advisor--Passage for family and living expenses
 in China for five years.(amounting to
 from 1/2 to 1/3 possible salary in America)---\$15.000
 Establishment of National Scout Headquarters in Peking.
 Four Chinese Scout Executives on staff.
 \$600.00 G per year for 5 years - - - - - 3.000
 These are already partially trained. 2nd yr 2.000
 Need careful guidance in organizing a 3rd " 1.600
 national movement. 4th " 1.200
 5th " 800
 Establishment of Local Councils in four centers.
 Canton, Shanghai, Wuchang, Chungking 4/7/41--
 A Local Scout Executive in each center. 1st " 1.600
 2nd " 1.200
 4th " 800
 5th 400

Publicity, Education and Literature

Training center supplied by Yenching University
 Model Troop Equipment including a BIG SUMMER CAMP 500
 Headquarters , -Local and National supplied by
 Chinese National Association for the
 Advancement of Education
 Budget for same - - - - - 1st " 1.000
 2nd " 500
 3rd " 300
 4th " 200
 Total 29.500

A High Standard EXPERIMENTAL Scout Junior & Senior
 High(Middle) school

Model building equipped to carry on all regular High
 school activities ,correlated at every angle with
 every activity in the scouting program.
 Building- - - - 25.000
 Equipment - - - 10.000

Note of explanation,-

1. An attempt has been made to arrange these in order of necessity.
2. I should prefer to have \$4,500 scouts out of our 700,000 and more, each give \$1.00 each/earned by himself in putting over this GOOD TURN. However, if this is not wise, I would be happy to see men interested in world scouting raise it.
3. I'll go out and get it in any way approved by U.S.A. headquarters.
4. The plan provides for a gradual transition of responsibility to self propagation & self direction.

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MONROEVILLE, OHIO

Dec. 8. 1927

Dear Leighton:-

Thanks for your good frank letter. The questions which I asked you in my letter were asked advisedly and I think that you ~~as~~ answered them advisedly. But I wanted your opinion upon them. I want to properly take them into consideration in our planning to go back to China. We are definitely planning to go back, and henceforth will plan only in accordance with your last proposal.

I am speaking a good bit for the M.E. Board, but am only trying to help them keep their quota up and am asking or seeking nothing for myself until that is done in every case. And I want you to know that the same is true with fencing. Not for one minute would I think of using Dr. Thompson's \$1.000 to apply on my salary if you want it for something else. I ~~can~~ refund that much somewhere else.

I have some plans underway for beginning to make my contacts. As they begin to materialize I'll keep in touch with you. When in New York I had a long talk with Chief Scout Executive West. He asked me to put on paper such plans as I talked with him. I have done so and am enclosing a copy. What do you think of it? Please do not pass anything on to anyone else yet. I am not sure that any thing will come out of it. If anything does, we will talk it later.

Accept our Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

Faternally

P.S. If you get out this way, be SURE to stop.

E. L. Terman

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December 10, 1927

My dear Earl:

I have your letter and the carbon copies of the other two. In view of the decision you have made you can count on the heartiest co-operation from the rest of us. I shall not think of breaking into your arrangements with Dr. Thompson and used it only as an illustration of the complications that easily occur.

I might say that the University is just on the eve of beginning a campaign with the firm here which we used before for organizing and promoting - Tamlyn & Brown. If any printed matter is being prepared, which would be of help to you, or if any other assistance can be given, do not hesitate to call upon us. Perhaps the simplest way would be to write to Mr. Warrmaker whose name you will find above.

If circumstances bring me to your neighborhood, I shall not hesitate to look in on you.

With best wishes in the difficult undertaking,

As ever yours,

Mr. E. L. Terman, Supt.,
Monroeville Public Schools
Monroeville, Ohio

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
150 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.

TRANSFER PEKING

December 15, 1927

My dear Terman ✓

see Hall to Stuart - 11/15/27

I regret very much the necessity of passing on to you the following action, news of which has only reached me today. Apparently the matter was discussed at some length and an informal agreement reached but for some reason it was not realized that this should have been communicated to my office at the University or to me here. I especially regret this delay because of its bearing on the plans you have been making and our recent correspondence. I shall quote from a letter of Dr. Galt, who, as you know, has been acting for me in my absence.

"The vote was by written ballot and the motion submitted was in the following form:

"I consider it to be for the best interests of Yenching University and of our Department of Education if Mr. Terman (does-does not) (cross our one) return to his place in the Department."

"On this motion three of the four members of the Department voted in the negative and the fourth member has as yet sent in no vote. This will give you the definite reaction of the Department and it seems to me that unless there are elements in the situation which I do not understand it will be wisest for you to communicate with Mr. Terman and report this result to him.

"Since circulating the vote now reported word has come to the office here and was published in our Weekly on Nov. 3, to the effect that Mr. Terman had been appointed superintendent of schools at Monroeville, Ohio. If that position is, or can be made permanent, then I suppose it will not be difficult for Mr. Terman to receive the word which we are now transmitting.

"I fully sympathize with him in the general difficulties of the situation and realize in many ways he had a real contribution to make in our life here. However, all things considered it seems to the Department better that he should not return, and with this judgment I agree personally, although deeply regretting the necessity of taking this action."

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Mr. Terman

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I assure you again of my own profound sympathy in this problem. I shall await further word from you with eager concern. I am leaving tomorrow to spend the holidays with John and our relatives in the South. I shall be back here early in January. Do not allow this action to prevent a very Happy Christmas. My heartiest wishes to you and yours for the fullest joys of the season, all the more because your course in life is taking definite shape.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. Leighton Stuart

Mr. E.L. Terman,
Monroeville, Ohio.

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Mr. Torman

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I assure you again of my own profound sympathy in this problem. I shall wait further for the easier season. I am leaving tomorrow to return to the South. I shall be with you and our relatives in the South. Do not allow this action to have early in January. My heartiest wishes for the best of the season, all the best for the future of the season, all the best for the future of the season. Your course in life is taking definite shape.

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) J. W. Torman

Mr. E. L. Torman,
Hempfield, Ohio.

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Dec. 26, 1917.

Dear Lighton:-

Your letter, passing on the Department of Education, reached me in Monroeville just before we left for London, where we are spending our vacation with Lucile's folks.

In as much as there was nothing especially new in it, little but that I had already taken into my planning for our return, it did not come as a great shock. In line with my own desire, that is, that I give about one half of my time to a National Scout Program, and also in line with Williams' suggestion in his last letter, that I wait until I return to Yenching to find my work, I have been planning the return out of connection with Dept. of Education work. I have too many friends in the University, in spite of my faults, to conclude that because a chosen few do not desire my return, there is no place in China or in the University for me. The majority there insist otherwise. I have nothing against those dear folks however, - no more than you have - but if they prefer that I stay out of the Department, Psychology or Sociology or English, together with possible other or personal work with students

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and my work in Scouting, are all so inviting, that plans already under way shall go forward unless you vote to the contrary.

It is understood of course that in finding my own support ^(support for the work) I shall draw from no sources, tapped or to be tapped by the University, and that in addition, I shall do all that I can to build up financial support for the Department of Youthling as you see fit.

Unless my plans change, I shall do Chautauque work, speaking on and for China next summer. I am discovering that there is nothing which I can do that brings more genuine satisfaction than that.

Fraternally

E. L. Terman.

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Feb. 12. 1928.

Dear Leighton:-

Since receiving your letter re the action of the University Faculty Executive, I have written no letters to anyone connected with the University nor have I received any except from Bliss, who inferred that he knew it, but made no comments. I have been going on steadily with my work here, and speaking just as often as one for China. Am scheduled to speak three times in Cleveland next Sunday.

But this silence is lasting too long. I am exceedingly anxious to have the facts in the case. Just what were the developments that lead to this vote? I was told many times that Sam was not to be feared, but evidently someone has been at work. I've no criticism of anyone but am hoping that you will write me what and who is against me. I must be guilty of something of which I am unconscious. I want to know whether my sin is absolutely unpardonable. I have not by any means given up the hope of going

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back to Yenching sometime. We are of
course content to postpone a year to await
developments. In the meantime some
big opportunities for service are broadening
experience are opening to me. The
Board and Community here are insisting
that we stay another year and would
raise me \$500. or \$600., but Scout Executive
Field Service is giving a challenging call
which is causing me to compromise
by agreeing to serve here as Supt., only
by residing here and being here over weekends
to hold semi-monthly faculty meetings
and guide in the execution of all policies and
projects started this year. Week days will
be spent in speaking before men's clubs,
Chambers, Commerce, Mens Brotherhoods, etc.
in the promotion of organization & Scouting.
This will not only give me a salary of
\$52.00 or \$53.00, but will put me into
the heart of the wonderful Scout Movement
and offer opportunity for me to put into
practice some of my pet theories about it.
Write me soon and tell me all,
including progress being made in your
(may I say our) campaign.

fraternally

E. L. German.

February 15, 1928.

My dear Earl:

I am taking my first opportunity to reply to your letter of recent date. I think you misunderstand the purport of the action which has come to us from Peking regarding your return. There is no charge against you whatever, nor is there evidence that any one person is working against you. You will recall that the action last spring left the final decision to the Department of Education as reorganized in the autumn. Unfortunately, Dr. Galt failed to realize that this called for action by the Department and a number of months elapsed before it was taken up. The letter I received contains no details but the whole tone of it as quoted in my letter to you would indicate that after serious discussion the judgment of those concerned was as indicated. In all such matters, one might disagree with the judgment but it is difficult to alter it by argument. The matter had been thoroughly discussed last spring by the Faculty Executive Committee and the more recent action by the Department was again referred to and approved by that committee. It represents, therefore, the considered opinion of the responsible persons in the institution. After repeated consultations, if I felt that this result had been reached because of the machinations of one or more individuals prejudiced against you on personal grounds I should of course treat the issue differently. But being convinced that the decision represents the sincerest judgment of at least a majority who are endeavoring to reach the decision which would be best for the institution and for yourself, I cannot do otherwise than recommend that this be accepted by all concerned.

I need not remind you of my personal friendship for Mrs. Terman and yourself and my sympathy with you. I am sure that I speak for those of Yenching, as well as for myself, in wishing you the very utmost joy and usefulness wherever you are.

With cordial regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. E. L. Terman,
Monroeville, Ohio.

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Apr. 14.1928.

Dear Loughton:-

Besides two or three lectures which I have already written of China, I am building up, particularly for use in Schools, three or four illustrated ones. Am very carefully choosing my slides. I want some of the latest and best on Yenching. Will be glad to pay for any ~~xxx~~ duplicates of good slides which the office now possesses or for any negatives from which slides might be made.

We are planning still to return sometime to Yenching, but will for the time being try to contentedly enter other big doors which are opening. Have just been reelected as Superintendent here with a raise of \$600.00, but Dr. J. L. Clifton the state Director of Education who has been quite intimately following my work since I left college, is encouraging me to return to College work. He is recommending me for Department of School Administration work in two different Universities. As a former chief, will you be willing to write for me a recommendation and furnish me with four or five copies of it? If so I should appreciate it very much and will try to reciprocate at the first time that an opportunity presents itself. When do you plan to return? Shall certainly be glad to hear as to what successes you are having. Students are constantly writing me reporting a big year at Yenching. Such letters make me happy but homesick.

Faternally,

E. L. Terman.

April 18, 1928

Dear Mr. Terman:

Your letter to Dr. Stuart has come during his absence from the city and your inquiry about slides has been turned over to me for attention.

It seems that no one in this office has been using any lantern slides for at least a year and all that we have are frightfully out of date and give no idea at all of the loveliness of the completed buildings on the new site. We have just received some beautiful colored pictures of the buildings and grounds which we think would make lovely slides. Since negatives of these will have to be made before making the slides, the cost of the slides will be about \$1.50 apiece. If you care to have several of the best ones for your collection, we shall be glad to have them made for you here.

It is good to know that you are all happily settled at Monroeville and to have word of you occasionally.

With best wishes to all the Termans,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. E.L. Terman
Monroeville, Ohio

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April 23, 1928.

My dear Earl:

On my return to the office this morning I find your letter and am replying at once. I note that Miss McCoy has already taken up with you the matter of good slides.

I am enclosing herewith a letter of recommendation along the lines you ask for with several extra copies.

Our campaign has been extremely difficult and many efforts have proven entirely futile. However, there seems to be a prospect of securing enough large gifts to enable us to obtain our objectives. This is not certain yet but I am not without hope of finishing it before I leave for China. I am sailing from here about the middle of next month, returning via Siberia. It will put me in Peking on Saturday, June 9th, unless there are interruptions because of the fighting. Our baccalaureate service is the next morning so it is a pretty close connection.

I hope you will continue to let me hear from you. I need not assure you of my continued interest and esteem whatever separation there may be in place of work. This feeling is shared by many of our Yenching community who know you.

With greetings to the whole family,

As ever, yours

Mr. E. L. Terman
Monroeville, Ohio

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April 23, 1928

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to state that Mr. E. L. Terman spent a number of years as a teacher in the Department of Education in Yenching University. He impressed all of us who were associated with him with a devotion to his duties and an enthusiasm which was of the highest quality. He was unsparing in the personal interest he gave to his students, individually and collectively, and revealed a tact which won the affection of Chinese students in a remarkable way despite the barriers of race. He kept himself constantly informed of new developments in his special subject by reading new books and by all other means available to him. His work in mental measurements and related matters attracted quite a little attention in China and has been to a large extent embodied in the books published by him. I commend him as an earnest and well-prepared teacher of his subject and a man of the highest personal character and life purpose.

President

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August 23, 1928

Dear Mr. Terman:

Dr. Luce has sent on to me your letter asking for some of our best Yenching pictures from which to make slides. I have gone over our collection here and am sending you on today's mail a group of the best ones. I hope they will be what you want. When you have finished with them kindly return them to this office.

I notice in your letter you asked about William Hung. I just heard today that he is now en route here from India and is expected to arrive in New York sometime around the middle of September. I can't tell you now what his address will be but if you wish to write him in care of this office we shall be glad to forward it to him. He will certainly get in touch with the office as soon as he arrives.

Roswell is back at work again - doing editorial work for the Foreign Policy Association - and life is going along quite happily for us now.

Tell Mrs. Terman that I have been hoping for an answer to that letter I wrote her such a long time ago. I should like to hear something of what you are doing and about the children.

With best wishes to all the family.

Sincerely,

Mr. E. L. Terman
Monroeville, Ohio

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October 15, 1928

Dear Mr. Terman:

On August 23rd we sent you several of our best colored pictures of the University. We understood that you wished to have slides made from these and would return them as soon as that could be done. We are very much in need of the pictures here in the office as there are constant demands from one source or another for them. We shall appreciate it very much if you can return these to the office right away.

With best wishes to all the family,

Sincerely,

Mr. E. L. Terman
Monroeville, Ohio

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Tennant
Morseville - Ohio.

Oct. 17 - 1928.

Dear Blanche:

Perhaps it is high time that I answered your January letter. Our correspondence is rather spasmodic. I hope you will not wait so long to answer this for I am anxious to know all about you again. We - well we are just the same - still here bodily - but our hearts are in Yearning.

Today I was living at Yearning trying to gather up a few remarks for a meeting tomorrow - now since that meeting is postponed for a week or more, I am hurrying off a note, hoping you can send me some more recent news. I was back in 1927. Haven't you any 1928 news? Any general summary of the new outlook - How about the Peking News. Does Univ. N. Y. Office still edit it & can't I have some recent ones? - Ours last one is May 1927 - or any general

news about construction work. the faculty
fall enrollment etc. We hope to get
a new faculty in U.S. address list, if there
is one put out. Don't forget us and in
any case, there is need for postage. I'd
be very glad to send it in order to
get some news. Greetings to all
whom we know. I heard not long since
from Catherine W. & Mrs de Vargas but
no fall bulletin yet.

affectionately yours

Lucile F. Terman

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TRANSFER

Defiance College.
Defiance, O.

Received December 3, 1929

Secretary,
Yenching University
New York City,
Dear Sir:-

Several weeks ago a letter reached me from Bliss Bryant, who returned to the University this fall announcing that the University authorities, in keeping with the advice of Dr. Stuart, had decided to purchase our piano and that the University of Pennsylvania would be instructed to forward us one to take its place. The company immediately wrote me, they also having received the announcement from Bryant, asking when to send some. In answer to this inquiry, I said that the piano would be sent immediately after they should receive orders from either you or the M.E. Board of Messrs. I trust that you will tend to this as soon as possible, in as much as we want the piano very decidedly by the middle of December.

Fraternally
E. L. Terman.

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December 17, 1929

TRANSFER

Professor E. L. Terman,
Defiance College,
Defiance, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Terman:

About a fortnight ago we received your letter asking about arrangements for paying for the piano which we understand the Weaver Piano Company is shipping you. At the time your letter arrived our office had no information whatever as to the plans of the field concerning the purchase of this piano. A few days ago, however, we received a letter from Mr. Bliss Wiant to Dr. J. Leighton Stuart in which Mr. Wiant intimates that proposals were made on the field to secure special contributions here in America for this purpose. Conversations with members of the Methodist Board disclose the fact that they have already taken certain steps in the way of instructing the Weaver Piano Company to send you a piano, although I believe that the Methodist Board has not yet learned when and by whom payment for this instrument is to be made.

As you know, our New York office of Yenching University is never authorized to make disbursements except on instructions by the Field Treasurer of the University for objects within the current budget of the University or instructions by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees. As yet neither Dr. Galt nor the Finance Committee has taken up with us the matter of the payment for this piano. Dr. Stuart is expected in New York the latter part of this week. I will be glad to discuss this matter with him and to write you further, conveying whatever information he can give.

With warmest personal good wishes for the success of your work at Defiance College, I am

Very cordially yours,

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CC: for Dr. Stuart

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