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December 20, 1923

Mrs. Fred E. Weyerhaeuser  
460 Green Avenue  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Harriette:

I could hardly count the number of letters I have written you since I received the little notebook, which you so kindly forwarded to me, but I have been going a very rapid pace even for me, so that my sins of omission flow over me like a vast flood.

I had hoped to have five days here in New York and it has now dwindled to two and in a few hours I am starting for Chicago, where Harry is to be married Saturday afternoon. We are certainly entering into a new phase of domestic life. It is very hard for his mother to be so far away at this time. Child Elisabeth will be with me in Chicago and somewhere, somehow we plan to have Christmas together. After that I shall go on a six weeks trip to the Pacific Coast and possibly I may pass through St. Paul on my way. It is possible that I may return East for the latter part of February and March, but I have my passage engaged on the President Cleveland, sailing from San Francisco April 3. I do not suppose that the good lady in China will believe that I am coming until I land in Shanghai.

We have been greatly enheartened lately by the growing interest of the fine task at Peking. Sherwood Eddy told us the other day that he thinks putting Peking University on its feet is "the most urgent single task overseas". As we contemplate returning to China, we are rejoicing to think that compared to four years ago, Peking has a large number of friends whose interest seems to grow the more they know about it.

I am hoping that you and Fred are well, and also the children. This bears to you my very best wishes for the glad Christmas Tide.

With affectionate greetings to you both,

Ever most truly

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*Weyerhaeuser  
St Paul*

Portland, Oregon  
January 18, 1924

Dear Fred:

I had a wonderfully fine visit at Tacoma, arriving there on Friday, January 4. On Saturday I took luncheon with Mrs. Weyerhaeuser, and then did, what I never did before in my life - went to the opera twice in one day, afternoon and evening. In the evening I took dinner with Mrs. Weyerhaeuser and went with her as her guest to hear "Rigoletto", which was beautifully sung. I shall long remember that evening.

I never had a finer visit to any city where I went as a perfect stranger and in a short time seemed to have done so much. Notwithstanding it was Communion in the Presbyterian Church, the pastor invited me to speak and take part in the Communion, and we found that we could make very close connections with missions and the Communion spirit. In the evening there was a very fine Forum meeting in the Congregational Church, and I also spoke at the Kiwanis Club. Mrs. Weyerhaeuser was at the Presbyterian service, and next day, unasked by me, telephoned and wanted to know if I could return Wednesday, saying that she would like to invite some of her friends in to hear about China and Teking. When I returned there I was quite surprised to find about 125 people gathered together, and we had a very pleasant evening, as you can imagine.

My one regret was that your brother John was not there. I neglected to ask where he had gone, but was under the impression that he might be with you in Minneapolis. If so, I have no doubt you will be sure to talk with him about the proposed Weyerhaeuser Hall at Peking.

Last night I received a letter from Mrs. Lucco, telling about her visit out to the new university site. While we have heard all along that the site was very beautiful and that the building was going along nicely, I was indeed glad to have it confirmed by one who knows

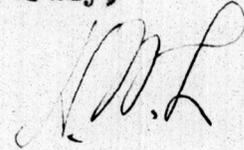
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how I long for it to be done both well and beautifully. She reports the campus to be very beautiful, with great possibilities of development, and that the buildings are going on in a way that will be quite pleasing to me. On a bit of land near the new site the Chinese put up a few houses to interne the Germans during the war. In order to relieve our congestion, the University has rented these for ten years from Prince Tsai Tao, who himself (a very high grade gentleman) lives part of the time in one of them. Mrs. Luce is making the happy proposal (which will undoubtedly be carried out) that we live in one of them during the summer, Emmavail being with us. There I can begin to re-study Chinese and get at my books once more, while keeping my eye on the buildings as they progress.

I am still holding to my general schedule fairly well, leaving tonight for San Francisco. I hope to be in Chicago again somewhere about the 12th to 15th of February.

With my best greetings to your brothers Charles and Rudolph,

Ever most truly,



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PEKING UNIVERSITY  
(YENCHING TA HSUEH)  
PEKING, CHINA

*Fred Weyerhaeuser*

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

October 20, 1924.

My dear Jim:

Thank you for your letters of September 12th and 18th. I appreciate your enclosing a copy of your letter to Dr. Stuart as he was in Shanghai when your letter came and it enabled me to get earlier than I could have done otherwise some items that I desired to know as soon as possible.

I am in touch with the manager of the Wagon-Lits Hotel and I think we could put up any suitable picture there so it might be well for you to send out the colored picture to which you referred in your letter of September 18th. I am not sure we could get the electric light but we could endeavor to place it in some conspicuous place.

In regard to your letter of September 12th:

I - I hope long before this you have received our final draft of the statement of the School of Education intended especially for Mrs. Dodge. I have also sent a copy to Dr. Forer. If you have not already taken the matter up with them I think it would be well to do so at the earliest possible moment.

II - I sent a little typewritten account of our daughter's wedding to Mrs. Weyerhaeuser and of course took occasion to speak of the College. I will write shortly to Mr. Fred Weyerhaeuser asking him to go ahead definitely in regard to the building. I think you know it is my hope that there should be a Weyerhaeuser Hall, \$65,000,\* or if they hesitate at that we might retire to a dormitory for \$50,000. You may remember I had a conference with him and his two brothers, Rudolph and Charles, and after it was over Rudolph told me he would do anything the others agreed to. Also, I saw Mrs. John Weyerhaeuser at Tacoma and we had a parlor meeting in her house. Unfortunately Mr. J. W. was out of town both times when I was in Tacoma. The whole thing largely depends upon Fred who moves very slowly. He is an elder in Dr. Spieringen's church, is very conservative in his religious views, and will have nothing to do with any movement that is not strong on the deity of Christ. He moves very slowly in everything but he is a wonderfully fine man and I am entertaining a 65% to 70% hope that he may get the family to "come across." His sister Mrs. Hill of Vassar is really the moving missionary force in the family but was unwilling to take the lead in this matter because her husband is trustee of Cairo University and she has been giving a hospital or something in the Near East.

*\* It is possible that I may put up to them a \$50000 building to start with. I wonder if reference to my earlier correspondence might indicate the amount.*

*of the Blue & Green  
+ Salmon Cards*

III - If by any means you have not finished the card list, will you have the names and addresses struck off on a list and sent to me? We are planning some kind of a Christmas card to be drawn by Mr. Barbour.

IV - I have heard through Caskey our first fall issue of the "Peking News" is out ~~but~~ so far as I know no copies have arrived here.

I am thinking of you every day in your heavy and inspiring task in the United States. No one out here, or for that matter in the United States, can appreciate more than I both how heavy it is and how inspiring it is. Daily we shall be bearing you up in the arduous task.

In my thinking over our work I have just correlated several factors:

I - That Edmunds left the Canton work, in part at least, because he is discouraged over the financial side.

II - During the year and a half before I left home we knew that Jack Williams was finding the way pretty hard. I have been glad to note that the Rockefellers have been helping Wenking in a Science Hall.

III - In spite of having such a fine constituency already made, and in spite of the fact that they had gathered representative Yale men in New York from every city east of the Mississippi River to start off their campaign (I attended this meeting before I left New York), and in spite of the fact that Hume one would think on ~~many~~ *money* grounds would be a wonderfully fine money-getter, I think he has come back somewhat disappointed at the result. If I had any one inference to make from all of this, I am inclined to think that I should say out of my experience that success or failure is more dependent on dogged stick-to-itiveness, almost night and day, in seeing individuals in their offices and homes. I am inclined to think that if we can see say 10 well chosen individuals in one day we simply double our chances of securing funds, if we had seen only five people.

The motor has come for Haitien so I must go, but my heart is with you every day and all the way.

As ever, yours sincerely,

*A. L.*

*P.S.*

The lady assigned to our Publicity Com. for help in stenographer has to write out a good many words in full. I have to dictate so slowly that I lose my thread - so very often you will find sentences top-heavy but the meaning will usually be clear.

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Re. proposed Weyerhaeuser Hall  
in Memory of the Parents by  
the Weyerhaeuser children.

Letter of HWD to

November 17, 1924.

Mr. Fred Weyerhaeuser  
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Fred:

Of course I felt sorry that you did not see your way clear to accept the invitation to share in the developing work of Peking University on its Board of Trustees. I can't think of any reasons adequate to justify so great a refusal, but in faith I believe that you had them and I bow my head to the inevitable.

Even this decision of course does not mean that your heart will not feel so great a task with ever deepening interest as you come to realize more and more what a unique and incomparable task it is. It is possible sometimes, when I have been talking with you and Harriet about it, that you may have felt it was easy to overstate the case; but after re-study of the whole situation since my return nearly six months ago, no fact has emerged to lessen my belief in all that I claimed;— indeed rather has my conviction deepened that we are working along right lines and that granted proper support on our new site at this great center of China, our faith will many times be rebuked in the face of the large share we shall have in the advancement of the Kingdom of God here in this land. I often recall the fine conference I had with you and your two brothers in your office and the interest you all showed in regard to the suggestion that you all unite in contributing a Weyerhaeuser Hall in memory of your father and mother.

This year we have turned a couple of hundred students away although they were quite qualified to enter; and on our new site we have dormitory buildings that can contain the present body of students only by the severest crowding without any possibility of providing for students that press our doors from every province in China. Our problem for that would be solved if we had another dormitory, (\$50,000) of which we were speaking when we had the conference with your brothers. I hope you will not let the matter go by but rather that you can come to some favorable conclusion and cheer us and the whole group here by assuring us of your co-operation at this urgent time.

→ // If you should come to some favorable decision I hope you will not only let me know but that you will send word to Mr. J. H. Lewis our secretary, care of Peking University, 156 Fifth Avenue, in order that he may cable to us. This year the Chinese New Years comes on January 24th and the month preceding that is the best month in the year for the purchase and transportation of all building materials. I cannot begin to say how great would be the relief and the joy if you could release to us word that you and your brothers and sisters could share with us in this tremendously vital and urgent opportunity.

We hear rumors that Dr. Swearinzen may be leaving St. Paul and I know how great a sorrow this will be to you and Harriet. If he does leave I know it will be a great regret to him personally too. He has left his influence so thoroughly woven into The House of Hope Church"

I hope you and Harriet have put down in your calendar a trip to China in the early fall of 1926, so as to be here at the formal opening of the University. With cordial greetings to the brothers that are with you.

Ever most sincerely,

HWL

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JOHN P. WEYERHAEUSER  
CHARLES A. WEYERHAEUSER  
RUDOLPH M. WEYERHAEUSER  
FREDERICK E. WEYERHAEUSER

July 2/20

Dear Sir:

I have been working with the Messrs Weyerhaeuser Brothers to day Charles, Fred & Rudolph. I don't think Fred, (after all our work with him) has caught the vision enough either to take the initiative or to give assent to it, amidst conflicting claims.

Charles has been quiet. I stayed in his home last night - a palace. He is slow like Fred.

Rudolph is the best one from our point of view. He said he would give 15,000 toward the 65,000 building if the others would match it. But Charles refused, but said he would give me \$1,000 cash at once if Rudolph would. Rudolph knew I didn't want \$1,000 cash & the matter was not pressed.

I think Rudolph's offer will stand & I have tried to get him to let me keep the thing alive. This is the best that can be done at this time, I think.

The six days physical examination in the Rockefeller Hospital resulted in the opinion that I ought to go to bed in the hospital for three

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works & not on some hillside for three months!  
This I had to put aside. They wanted me to stop at  
Rochester for some special examination. I had not  
planned to do it now, but the Weyerhaeusers are  
positively insistent that I go down with a friend of theirs  
tomorrow who will introduce me. As I'll stop  
off there; possibly it may delay a day or two.

I wish I knew why it was so  
urgent that I come direct to New York or  
some date was set - so I could judge what such a  
delay might mean.

I have done some minor work here today,  
probably all that can be done at this time. These  
residual prospects are away in the South.

Your telegram reached me at St

Paul.

Edw. W. S.

Charge to the account of Peking University Form 1228A \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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February 3, 1925

Dr Harry W. Luce  
% Hamilton Club  
Chicago, Ill.

Weyerhauser letter received strongly urge you suggest that family erect dining hall now cost thirtyfive thousand stop with present conditional offer ~~offer~~ two brothers would give ten thousand each urge you either write this immediately or perhaps even better you return St Paul to try put over immediately stop expect you reach New York Wednesday February eleven please wire.

James H. Lewis

Laber Forest <sup>Weyershausen</sup>  
Feb 5/25

Dear Jim:

I put up to Collins  
in a brief interview (The only  
kind you can have with him).  
The possibilities from the  
"Suffernan" \$20000 to a \$65000  
Bldg. I think he is in the  
the \$35000 class.

My idea is to lay before  
him the whole thing - the various  
items, with pictures or drawings  
& then ask him to select.

Rudolph Weyershausen  
said he would give \$15000 if the  
others would do their share.  
Fred & Charles would not use  
the occasion. They have not  
the same vision as Rudolph.

I agree with you now that  
we shall try for the \$35000 building  
with them, - getting Rudolph  
to stand by the \$15000, in any  
plan. If we fail in this,  
then the next trench would  
be to get Rudolph to take the  
Suffernan (very important - I  
have plans of it) \$14000 needed  
for the first central section &  
\$6000 for the later "wings" to  
the building.

This plan & House I saw.

I can't honestly say I feel  
hilariously hopeful. I  
think two things are much  
in their mind.

1) Cyrus "flockmail" experience  
which may have cost them  
for more than we know as  
it was settled privately. They  
of course feel sorry.

2. I inferred from what  
Stanald said (he is highly  
kegged up & nervous) that  
they had in mind a big  
memorial for their  
mother, & something in their  
country, costing a lot  
(a million or so).

Why then Mr McCannick  
with his interests, even left  
\$7,000,000 dollars to these three  
children (already wealthy in their  
own right) is beyond my  
comprehension. Nature has to  
face the facts. <sup>in Europe.</sup>

Cyrus is away, certainly  
till April, so Mr Stillwell told  
me. I imagine he has gone to  
let things blow over.

Em. N.W.L.

# THE NORTHWEST PAPER COMPANY

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CLOQUET AND BRAINERD

CLOQUET, MINNESOTA

SUBJECT:

April 15th, 1925

Peking University,  
No. 150 - 5th Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Attention of Mr. Henry Luce.

My dear Doctor:

The writer returned to Cloquet yesterday, after remaining in St. Paul for two weeks.

My wife's father's condition remains about the same, although I believe he is growing weaker day by day.

My future financial responsibilities are so indefinite I find that I am not able to do for you as much as I had hoped at the present time, although to show you that I am keeping faith, I am enclosing check for the Peking University. The same is not as large as I had hoped to send you, but under present conditions, it is the best I can do.

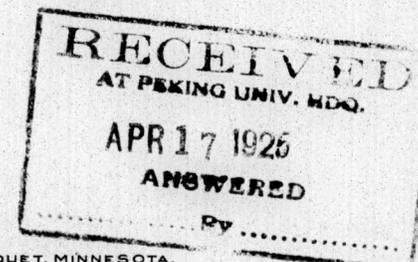
I am not in a position to make any pledges for the future, but will keep you in mind.

Trusting that your health is getting better day by day, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

*R. M. Weyerhaeuser*

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE GENERAL OFFICE AT CLOQUET, MINNESOTA.

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May 4, 1925.

Mr. R. M. Meyerhauser, ✓  
Cloguet,  
Minn.

My dear Mr. Meyerhauser:

Your letter of April 15, reached me here on my arrival a few days ago. I was glad to receive your gift to Peking University for which I am very grateful indeed. It is all now at work in Peking.

I do hope that you can carry out the other two-thirds that you had in mind, for of all the possible investments one may make, I have never felt so 100% certain that I would like my friends to make one which they could hardly duplicate in a quality and worthfulness at any single spot in the world.

I am sending you a little replica of one of the lions which will guard the entrance gate at the Univ. of Peking. These seem to be essential for the proper entrance to an institution in China. It will practically serve as a paper weight and incidentally it will help you to feel that Peking is not so far away after all. Certainly it is getting closer and closer with each passing year, and I am fully confident that what we are doing at Peking offers an almost incomprehensible opportunity to bridge the national gap between these two great nations. Indeed, I think of Peking University as being not an experiment but a demonstration of international fellowship.

Many times since I saw you, I have wondered how Mrs. Meyerhauser's father was getting along, and it will be a miracle if he can at his age survive such an ordeal. The period of uncertainty and waiting makes it very hard for both you and Mrs. Meyerhauser. Whatever the result may be, to us of the richer faith, there is always the bright horizon.

Appreciating more than I can tell you your cooperation at this particular time, believe me,

Most truly yours.

*Copy*

May 12, 1925.

Henry W. Luce, Vice Pres.,  
Peking University,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Luce:

In response to your favor of the 7th, beg to advise that my sister, Mrs. S. S. Davis, lives at Rock Island, Illinois, 10th Avenue and 30th Street. She does not live in Iowa as indicated in your letter.

Since seeing you in St. Paul, there appears to be no material change in my wife's father's condition, although he is getting a little stronger physically. No change mentally and, as you can realize, Mrs. Weyerhaeuser has had a very strenuous time for the last six weeks.

I see by your letter that you have changed doctors and still going ahead. Would suggest that you mark time for a bit and believe in the long run you will make better progress.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours truly,

*R. M. Weyerhaeuser*

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June 23, 1925.

Mr. W. E. Weyerhaeuser,  
Clement,  
Michigan.

Dear Mr. Weyerhaeuser:

In the urgency for our funds, I continued traveling until now. Recently, I made a trip to the Pacific Coast and saw your brother John. I had never seen him but once and that in Pasadena, about two weeks before your father's death. I saw him for perhaps a half hour in his office in Tacoma on June 5th. He received me in the most cordial and kindly spirit, and we had a fine half hour together. I told him frankly what I had in my mind - of my little conference with the three brothers at St. Paul in February; of your gift of \$5000., and of the hope expressed by you that you might still give the additional \$10,000. He asked me what I would have him do, and I said if he would give \$10,000 to the proposed Weyerhaeuser Hall and if it should come true that you could give the proposed \$10,000, I would hope that the other brothers and sisters would give the final \$30,000.00, necessary to put up the building.

I had a conference with Professor and Mrs. Hill, and it seemed to me that owing to their interest, to which they were giving at the present time with extreme liberality, I could hardly expect them to do a great deal on the present building, though I hope they may come in their share on the final \$12,000.

In the fall I hope to have a talk with Mr. Jewett and with Mr. Davis. I would hope that before the middle of September, you might let me know if you could promise \$10,000.00 definitely. Payment to be made whenever (though as early as) it may be convenient for you. Your brother John gave me \$5000.00 in cash, and a letter states that later in December another \$5000.00 will be forthcoming. He made his gift unconditionally, but I think he hopes that the Weyerhaeuser Hall might eventually be a reality. I do not know a finer single thing that you could accomplish and I would feel almost sure it could be accomplished if you could carry out the hope that you have entertained. From my point of view, you would be the one who would potentially make it possible.

On my way East from Tacoma, I stopped a few hours at St. Paul and had a good visit with Charles and Fred. I did not, however, mention what John had done. I thought that would come better later.

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Mr. R. M. Weyerhaeuser -

June 23, 1925.

I was sorry to hear that the recovery of your father-in-law was very slow and know that it is a real added burden to both Mrs. Weyerhaeuser and yourself. I have some similar problems which makes me sympathize in a very special way with you at this time.

In a day or two I am laying aside all work and am going to be with a friend at Haverford, Pennsylvania, which will enable me for the next month or two, to see my physician three times a week and give myself absolutely to rest and treatment. I realize I am running a race between cure and an operation, but hope that September will find me ready for the Fall's task. I have agreed to stay on until Christmas time, and after that - no matter what the financial status at Peking University may be, I shall feel that my conscience is clear of further important responsibility, and shall hope soon thereafter to join my wife again at Peking. I am inclined to think that the worst, for the present, is over there, and there can be no doubt that China has some very serious items against the Western nations with which the latter must deal, in the next few years in a generous and delicate way. The ultimate solution, however, of all these problems will be attained largely through the raising up of Christian leaders for the Church; for the Y. M. C. A., and for managerial positions in business, such as we are preparing and sending forth at Peking University. Up to the present there are not enough of them. Thus, it is a case of quantity production and we can attain this quantity production, just like in other manufacture when we get out on our Church plant.

Deeply appreciating all your interest and cooperation in this almost incomparable task, believe me

Ever sincerely yours,

H. W. L.

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September 4th, 1925.

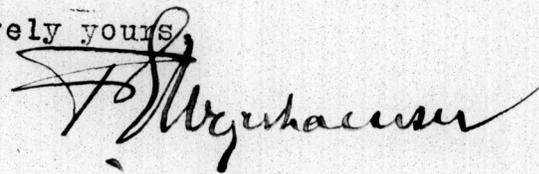
Mr. James H. Lewis,  
150 5th Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

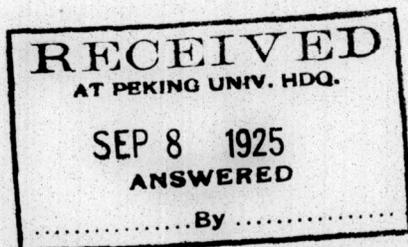
I have your letter of July 30th, enclosing pamphlet, which I found extremely interesting. After reading it, I am inclined to think that Chinese leadership in developing a Christian Church in China is more sane and intelligent than is the leadership of the two extreme wings of the Christian Church in this country.

However, I suspect that the great mass of the Christian Church in this country is not much moved by the discussion now going on.

Sincerely yours,



FEW:D.



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September 10, 1925

Mr. R. N. Meyerhaeuser ←  
Cloquet, Minn.

Dear Mr. Meyerhaeuser:

When we were talking over the possibility of having a Meyerhaeuser Hall at Peking, you may recall that I showed you a rather large colored picture which indicated in some measure how the matter would shape up in a concrete form.

When I was in Tacoma, your brother, John, was most cordial indeed, and agreed to give \$10,000, half of which he immediately paid and the other half to come this fall. While I realize that you do not wish to give in a way that would seem to force anyone else in your family to give, it would help a tremendous lot at this time if you would make definite an early thought that you entertained of adding \$10,000 to the \$5,000 you already have given. In this case, I would hope that during this fall before I go back to China, I might have the opportunity of talking the matter over with your other brothers and sisters - of course making it very clear that your gift was unconditional. Nevertheless it might appeal to them to add the \$10,000 necessary to make the total of \$35,000 needed for the building. It would mean much to the University if you could do this, and it would mean to me personally a lot more than I am able to express.

I have given myself up this summer to obeying the doctor and I think I see some real improvement. The final test will come in a few days when I am to be examined by Xray at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

My hope is to return to China some time late this fall. It will be good to have this homeless wandering end for a little while.

I have often thought of the trial your household is going through in connection with the accident to your father-in-law and I have been wondering how it is with him at this time.

Hoping sincerely that you can cooperate with us at this critical juncture in this important task.

Ever sincerely yours

P. S. Our building operations are going on uninterruptedly. The fine balanced attitude on the part of our faculty and students had brought the University through these troublous times even with increased prestige. All that has happened only increases my deep conviction that now is the time to put strongly on its feet that Christian University so remarkably situated at the capital of China.

HNL:\*

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R. M. WEYERHAEUSER, PRES AND TREAS.  
F. C. DENKMANN, VICE PRES.

WM. IRVINE, SECRETARY  
HUGO SCHLENK, ASST TREAS



*The Northern Lumber Co.*

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TO THE COMPANY

*Cloquet, Minn.*

Sept. 26, 1925.

Mr. Harry W. Luce,  
150 - 5th Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Luce:

Have just received your favor of September 10th on my return to Cloquet from a trip to New York City and back.

My financial matters are in no better condition now than the last time I saw you, although I still have your institution in mind.

Regret to advise that Mrs. Weyerhaeuser's father passed away on the 17th of June last. He lingered for three months and it was a tremendous strain on all of us.

Yours truly,

*R. M. Weyerhaeuser*

RMW-R

File

September 23, 1925.

Mr. R. S. Weyerhaeuser,  
Cloquet,  
Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Weyerhaeuser:

Thank you very much for your note of the 26th of September. Of course, I would have been glad had you been able to make your thought for Peking University at this time, more definite. I hope that before long better conditions may emerge and that we can carry out the plans for the proposed building at Peking. It seems more to me than just a building at Peking, for having met all your brothers and sisters and come to know three or four of you in the most friendly way, it would be a personal joy to me to see the Weyerhaeuser Hall at Peking in memory of your parents.

In spite of troublous times in China, such has been the wise and balanced attitude of faculty and students at Peking University that it has come through the ordeal with increased prestige and influence. What has happened there has only added to a great mass of evidence which I have been compiling for many years, that the way to help China, the way to advance the Christian movement there and the way to bind China and America together for the good of the world, is to raise up just such leaders as we are producing at Peking.

Greatly appreciating your interest in us and in the task at Peking,

Very cordially yours,

HLL:B

John Weyerhaeuser

File.

December 26, 1925

My dear Mr. Weyerhaeuser:

You may recall our pleasant interview together when you cheered my heart far more than you can know by your goodly gift to Peking University of 10,000.00. At that time you gave me a check for 5,000.00 and suggested that I remind you of the other 5,000.00 at the first of the year.

When you send the amount in, will you make out the check to "Peking University" and send same to our American office "Peking University", 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

You may recall that I spoke to you of a hope that I had long entertained that one of the buildings of the beautiful new site at Peking should be known as "Weyerhaeuser Hall". Rudolph, your brother, seemed interested in the same thing. He gave 5,000.00, and I think I am right in saying that he entertains the hope of increasing this to 15,000.00. Fred and Harriet are just interested in some special work in Pasadena. Charles, while not yet seeing this development at Peking in all its wondrous possibilities, is manifestly growing in his interest. Two weeks ago I spent Sunday in his home at St. Paul. Mrs. Hill is so involved at the present time in work in India and at Vassar and also in a college in South China, of which Dr. Hill is a trustee, that she did not feel at the present moment that she could take up this matter, though she was extremely sympathetic in regard to it.

The particular building, which I hope one day may be called "Weyerhaeuser Hall", would cost 40,000.00. I would have great hopes that some time during the next year of 1926, if you could see your way to adding another 5,000.00 to your gift, that in all probability Rudolph would bring his total gift up to 15,000.00, and then I would hope to lay the matter before the others and feel sure that this important matter could be carried to completion. Of course, it would really mean that you and Rudolph would really make it possible.

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The building I have in mind represents one of our most urgent needs, and at the same time is one of the most beautiful. You can get some little idea of it from the drawing I enclose. From this you can see the graceful Chinese architectural lines, but can really get no idea of the beauty of the building unless you can reconstruct in your mind how it will actually look with the pillars colored in deep lacquer-red, and the whole length under the eaves decorated in colors, following the pattern of the best palace and temple buildings in China.

I know of nothing finer as a memorial to your parents, which could be done at any other spot in the world than to put up this building on this beautiful site at Peking at the only Christian University at the capital and student and literary of a quarter of the human race. In due time it will be evident to you and to others as it is to me even now that the Weyerhaeuser family never made a better "investment" of this kind. I really think it can be done if you would take the next step as suggested above.

With most cordial Season's greetings to both you and Mrs. Weyerhaeuser and all best wishes for the opening New Year.

Ever most truly,

HWH

J. P. WEYERHAEUSER  
LUMBER AND TIMBER LANDS  
BOX 1616  
TACOMA, WASH.

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Mr Henry W. Luce  
1150 Fifth Ave

1/3 1926

New York City

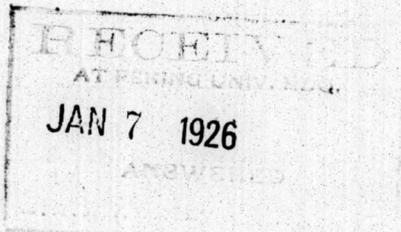
Mr Henry W. Luce:

I received your favor of Dec 26<sup>th</sup>,  
and as requested, I have this day mailed  
to the Peking University 156 Fifth Ave New York City,  
"a check for \$5000". I think I sent the other  
one to Peking College. I hope you are  
feeling fine, and I wish you a happy  
New Year.

I have promised to give to  
so many causes (or efforts) in 1926, that I  
am really swamped, but I have gone my  
limit. When times are better I will write  
you.

Yours truly

J. P. Weyerhaeuser



*5000 sent for mgp  
1/7/26  
J.P.W.*

D - January 12, 1926

Mr. J. P. Weyerhaeuser  
Box 1616  
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mr. Weyerhaeuser:

Of course Dr. Luce will be writing you and probably already has done so, to tell you how grateful we are for the \$5,000 which you have just sent. However, I want to add my word of appreciation here, particularly because the buildings out there are being erected so fast the field is drawing from us heavily continually for construction purposes.

We are not particularly worried about the military situation. It fluctuates almost from day to day. However school work is going right ahead as usual and neither our personnel or property is in any danger whatever. It will take China some time to work out her salvation but we are perfectly sure it will be worked out.

With deep appreciation,

Sincerely yours

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November 27, 1926 .

Mr. Frederick Meyerhaeuser,  
Merchants National Bank,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Fred:

I am sending you a replica of the famous Chinese laughing lion. I hope you will enjoy having it on your desk.

I was sorry you were away when I passed through St. Paul a few weeks ago. It is possible that you have not heard of the sudden death of our Executive Secretary, Mr. James Lewis last month. This makes our task -- hitherto heavy enough -- doubly heavy, but the great success of the University out there cheers us on.

I am just starting out on a trip across the continent and hope to meet Mrs. Luce in San Francisco on December 21.

With all good wishes,

Ever most truly,

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November 27, 1920.

Mrs. Frederick Weyerhaeuser,  
480 Grand Avenue,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Harriette:

I was sending Fred a replica of the famous Chinese laughing lion, and not wanting him to crow over you I thought I would give myself the pleasure also of sending one to you. I hope you won't be afraid of it -- indeed, I hope you will enjoy it.

You may be interested in the enclosed family Memorandum. Mrs. Luce sailed on Thanksgiving day, so I have one great big item -- ! I am hoping that she can stay with me during January and February, here and there in Southern California. There is just a possibility that on my way to the coast I may be able to spend a day at St. Paul. If so, I hope indeed that you will be "at home". I shall have many things "rare and rich" if not "racy" to tell you, and perhaps some of them may be "racy" -- who knows?

Ever most truly,

H.L:FP

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OFFICE OF  
**FREDERICK WEYERHAEUSER**  
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SAINT PAUL MINNESOTA

JOHN P. WEYERHAEUSER  
CHARLES A. WEYERHAEUSER  
RUDOLPH M. WEYERHAEUSER  
FRDERICK E. WEYERHAEUSER

December 3rd, 1926.

Dr. Harry W. Luce,  
150 5th Avenue,  
New York City.

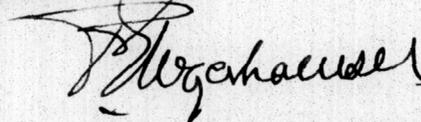
Dear Harry:

I received your letter of the 27th yesterday, and, reading it hastily, thought you were sending me copy of "The Laughing Buddha." I found it in my room last night, and most tired my eyes out reading about Lew the Seventh. On reading your letter this morning carefully, I find you are sending me "The Chinese Laughing Lion", and not "The Buddha." It has not come as yet, but I am sure I shall thoroughly enjoy it when it reaches my desk.

My niece, Mrs. F. R. Titcomb, of Tacoma, has a governess in her family who is a very intimate friend of Miss Beck, who wrote "The Splendor of Asia." At Elizabeth's request, I read Miss Beck's book, but I cannot say that it gave me a very favorable impression of Buddhism. However, I attempt to remember my narrowness, and so try not to criticise.

I congratulate you on your good fortune in being able to meet Mrs. Luce in San Francisco. I forgot to tell you that Harriette is now running The Women's Exchange in St. Paul. We call it "The Women's Revenge." She spends a large part of her time there, busily engaged as Sales Woman, Cashier and Cook. She is enjoying the new experience, but I am fearful that it is rather too much for her strength.

Sincerely yours,



F. E. WEYERHAEUSER

FEW:D.

February 24, 1928.

My dear Friends:

When I landed in Seattle last autumn on my way from China, I had hoped to call on you but learned that you were not at home. It had been my intention to start back for China shortly after New Years and I thought it might be possible to see you at that time. I have, however, been delayed in this country much longer than I expected and shall probably have to be here several weeks longer. I venture, therefore, to write you regarding the matter that has been upon my mind. This is the earnest hope that you might take up with Mr. Weyerhaeuser's brothers the possibility of making a substantial investment in our University.

I am enclosing a little pamphlet which gives the essential facts about our present situation. Whereas several years ago when Dr. Luce first appealed to you, we were in the earlier stages of a new and untried undertaking we are now in the happy position of trying to complete what was then begun. We have also had several years of experience which enables us to feel confident that whatever political or military changes may take place in China our property will not be injured nor our activities interfered with. If this is really the fact, we have a superlative opportunity for helping to sustain the Christian movement through a time of turmoil and disruption, and to assist in furnishing to it the type of young men and women who can count most in its expansion as well as in the rebuilding of China.

We have estimated that an additional \$400,000 will enable our University to function effectively without having to worry our friends for several years at least with further appeals. A business man in Philadelphia has promised \$50,000 on condition that this total amount be secured; \$200,000 of it before June 1st. There is another conditional gift of \$50,000 on condition that an equal sum be raised for the Women's gymnasium and other features for the Women's College. It is to meet this challenge that I have felt that my largest usefulness for the present would be here, despite the many reasons why I ought to be on my job in Peking if possible. A contribution from your family could take the form of an additional dormitory for the Men's College. We are building a new type in two sizes, one of which costs \$22,500, accommodating 36 students, and a other \$30,000, for 48 students.

Mr. and Mrs. Weyerhaeuser

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This is our most pressing need. It happens that the academic buildings and the faculty are both able to care for a considerable increase in our student body with perhaps a few inexpensive additions to the faculty. A provision for additional dormitories, therefore, not only enables that many more students to come under our influence but is in fact endowment because the income from the student tuition is practically net. We also need a few additional residences. These again are in two designs; a foreign house costing \$7500. and a Chinese style with modern equipment costing \$3500.

In order to meet the conditional gift referred to above, it is not necessary that cash payments be made at this time. A pledge covering the next two or three years would be entirely satisfactory.

It is so difficult to find people who at once are able to assist in these problems of ours and have the vision of the significance of Christian work under present conditions in China that I trust this matter will receive your most sympathetic consideration and that you will be kind enough to take it up with the other members of the family. I shall be more than glad to make a trip to see any of them.

C Very sincerely yours,

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Weyerhaeuser,  
4301 North Stevens Street,  
Tacoma, Washington.

P.S. I am sending under separate cover  
the architect's preliminary sketch  
of the proposed new dormitories.

JLS:O  
Enc. Yenching booklet

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# YENCHING UNIVERSITY

(Incorporated 1889 as PEKING UNIVERSITY)

PEKING, CHINA

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150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

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June 9, 1928

4:30 P.M.

Dear Dr. Jenney:

I am enclosing a resumé of the Weyerhaeuser projects; a list of the gifts this family has made to Yenching, either for a refectory or for undesignated purposes; and the addresses of the different members of this family that have been approached and have contemplated giving toward the work or buildings at Yenching.

Also of interest at St. Paul is the following data which I found in a letter dated Dec. 30, 1923 from Dr. Luce to Mr. Strong:

"Failed in a Bigelow residence for the present, but Fred Bigelow will give \$500 next year and will "continue his interest" in Peking, meaning, I think, eventually a house. MaAllister and a girls' school in the way."

Mr. Bigelow actually gave \$250 in April 1925 and this was credited in the account books to "Suspense." He lives at 111 West Fifth Street, St. Paul, according to our records.

Have you been able to get in touch with Ex-Governor Whitman of Albany again? You said he would subscribe for the \$2500 lacking to make up the \$7500 for the Albany residence?

Sincerely yours,

*Louise McCoy*

Dr. Chester E. Jenney  
C/o Miss Mildred Winship  
100 Milk Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

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June 9, 1928

To date we have received Weyerhaeuser gifts as follows:

Mr. Fred E. Weyerhaeuser -	\$2,000	toward	Current Expenses,	paid	2-17-22
	250	"	Campaign	"	3-5-24
Mr. & Mrs. Jphn P. Weyerhaeuser-					
	100	"	Lion Fund	"	11-6-24
	5,000	"	Refectory	"	6-10-25
	5,000	"	"	"	1-7-26
Mr. Rudolph M. Weyerhaeuser -	5,000	"	"	"	4-18-25

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The Weyerhaeuser family approached for gifts to Yenching are as follows:

Mr. Fred E. Weyerhaeuser  
480 Grand Avenue  
St. Paul, Minn.  
Office: 1413 Merchants Nat'l Bank Bldg.

Mr. Rudolph M. Weyerhaeuser  
Cloquet, Minn.  
Office: The Northern Lumber Co.

Mr. John P. Weyerhaeuser  
4301 N. Stevens St.  
Tacoma, Washington  
Office: Box 1616, Tacoma  
Lumber & Timber Lands  
Tacoma, Wash.

Mr. Charles Weyerhaeuser  
Office: 1413 Merchants Nat'l Bank Bldg.

*died Feb. 1930*

Mrs. William Bancroft Hill  
Vassar College  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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June 9, 1928

RESUME OF WEYERHAEUSER PROJECTS

Excerpts from letters found  
in files of  
Fred, John, and Rudolph Weyerhaeuser

On October 20, 1924, Dr. Luce wrote to Mr. Lewis, our Executive Secretary, as follows:

"I think you know it is my hope that there should be a Weyerhaeuser Hall, \$65,000. You may remember that I had a conference with Mr. Fred W. and his two brothers, Rudolph and Charles, and after it was over Rudolph told me he would do anything the others agreed to. Also, I saw Mrs. John W. Mr. J. W. was out of town both times when I was in Tacoma. The whole thing largely depends upon Fred who moves very slowly. He is an elder in Dr. Swearingen's church, is very conservative in his religious views, and will have nothing to do with any movement that is not strong on the diety of Christ. He moves very slowly in everything but he is a wonderfully fine man and I am entertaining a 65% to 70% hope that he may get the family to "come across." His sister, Mrs. Wm. B. Hall of Vassar is really the moving missionary force in the family but was unwilling to take the lead in this matter because her husband is trustee of Cairo University and she has been giving a hospital or something in the Near East."

On November 17, 1924, Dr. Luce wrote to Mr. Fred Weyerhaeuser: "Of course I felt sorry that you did not see your way clear to accept the invitation to share in the developing work of Peking University on its Board of Trustees. I can't think of any reasons adequate to justify so great a refusal, but in faith I believe that you had them and I bow my head to the inevitable. . . . ."

On February 2, 1925 Dr. Luce wrote to Mr. Lewis as follows:

"I have been working with the three Weyerhaeuser brothers today - Charles, Fred, and Rudolph. I don't think Fred (after all our work with him) has caught the vision enough either to take the initiative or to give liberally to it, amidst conflicting claims.

Charles has been fine. I stayed in his home last night - a palace. He is slow like Fred.

Rudolph is the best one from our point of view. He said he would give \$15,000 toward the \$65,000 building if the others would match it. But Charles refused, but said he would give me \$1000 cash alone if Rudolph would. Rudolph knew I didn't want \$1000 cash and the matter was not pressed."

On April 15, 1925 Mr. Rudolph Weyerhaeuser wrote to Dr. Luce as follows:

"My future responsibilities are so indefinite I find that I am not able to do for you as much as I had hoped at the present time, although to show you that I am keeping faith, I am enclosing check for the Peking University. (Enclosed \$5,000) . . . . ."

I am not in a position to make any pledges for the future, but will keep you in mind."

On June 5, 1925 Dr. Luce wrote to Mr. Lewis as follows:

"Mr. John Weyerhaeuser gave me the enclosed \$5000 check and in the fall will give me another. If Rudolph will carry out his expressed hope of a total of \$15,000

## Resume of Weyerhaeuser Project

I can't see how the others can dodge giving the other \$10,000 - total \$35,000 - for dining hall. "

On December 26, 1925, Dr. Luce wrote to Mr. John Weyerhaeuser as follows:  
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The particular building, which I hope one day may be called "Weyerhaeuser Hall", would cost \$40,000.00. I would have great hopes that some time during the next year of 1926, if you could see your way clear to adding another \$5,000 to your gift, that in all probability Rudolph would bring his total gift up to \$15,000.00, and then I would hope to lay the matter before the others and feel sure that this important matter could be carried to completion. Of course it would mean that you and Rudolph would really make it possible."

On December 29, 1925, Dr. Luce wrote to Mr. Lewis:

"I am also writing Mr. John Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma, reminding him of the balance of his \$10,000 gift due ~~next~~ January first. I am also asking him if he would not add \$5,000 during the coming year, with the hope that Rudolph, who has already given \$5,000, might add the \$10,000 which he already has suggested as a possibility. If the two brothers would give this thirty thousand, I am expressing the hope that the rest of the family would give \$10,000, and we would have \$40,000 for the proposed Weyerhaeuser (Dining) Hall. This means, of course, that we will arrange in such a way as may be possible to keep these various Weyerhaeuser payments intact, so that we can eventually apply them to this dining hall."

On Jan. 3, 1926, Mr. John Weyerhaeuser wrote to Dr. Luce as follows:

"I have promised to give to so many causes in 1926 that I am really swamped. I have gone my limit. When times are better I will write you."

On Feb. 24, 1928, Dr. Stuart wrote to Mr. and Mrs. Wohn P. Weyerhaeuser:

". . . . . A contribution from your family could take the form of an additional dormitory for the Men's College. We are building a new type in two sizes, one of which costs \$22,500, accommodating 36 students, and another \$30,000, for 48 students."

J. P. WEYERHAEUSER  
LUMBER AND TIMBER LANDS  
BOX 1618  
TACOMA, WASH.

July 16<sup>th</sup> 1928

Mr Franklin H. Warner  
Pres of the Board of Trustees  
150 Fifth Ave  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Have just returned from Idaho, and I find your letter of July 6<sup>th</sup>, and in reply would say that our business is not good. I have met some losses, and just as soon as I find out where I am<sup>at</sup>, and I am not giving money that does not belong to me, I will give all I can.

Yours Truly  
J. P. Weyerhaeuser

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July 30, 1928.

My Dear Mr. and Mrs. Weyerhaeuser:

When we receive a contribution in this office from old friends of Yenching University toward the work at Peking, we feel keen gratitude, not only for the gift, but for this expression of your continued interest and faith. We are happy in being permitted to have a part in continuing the vital connection established between the generous friends in America and the faculty giving their lives to this work in China. We count it a great privilege to be in position to keep you informed about the University and to do our utmost to see that your help counts for the maximum benefit with the Chinese with whom we are co-operating.

We are enclosing herewith our official receipt for \$1000.00.

With sincerest thanks for your gift, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Weyerhaeuser,  
4301 N. Stevens Street,  
Tacoma, Washington.

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Dr. Jenney

July 31, 1928

My dear Mrs. Weyerhaeuser:

We are very grateful to you for receiving Dr. Jenney in such a friendly spirit, encouraging by your assurance of your deep interest in the University and your willingness to co-operate with him upon his return to the Pacific Coast in the autumn. We shall need to continue our effort very earnestly throughout the autumn before we can hope to meet the conditions necessary to obtain the \$90,000 pledged conditionally by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd. It will mean, therefore, much to us if you can facilitate Dr. Jenney when he returns to your city in the early autumn.

I am writing Mr. Weyerhaeuser a separate letter of thanks for his check for \$1,000.00. I assume that this represents a joint contribution from you and him and wish to say to you also that we are deeply grateful for this help.

Very cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. John P. Weyerhaeuser  
4301 N. Stevens Street  
Tacoma, Washington

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Saint Paul, Minnesota,  
October 5, 1928.

Mr. Frederick Weyerhauser,  
1314 Merchants National Bank Bldg.,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Weyerhauser:

I called to see you on Friday of last week and was sorry to learn that you were out of the city. I succeeded Dr. Henry Luce in the work of representing the interests of Yenching University to the friends of the institution in the United States.

Last January Dr. Stuart, President of Yenching was in this country and started the campaign for \$500,000.00 to finish the building program to the University, provide some more endowment and really make it function in its largest possible way in the lives of 750 Chinese students. Up to the present time we have \$447,000.00 of the \$500,000.00 sought. Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd, of Philadelphia, promised \$90,000.00 if the whole \$500,000.00 was raised by January 1st, 1929. We, therefore, need \$53,000.00 to complete our campaign.

Dr. Luce, in a conversation I had with him the first of October, at Hartford Theological Seminary, where he is now teaching, thought you might be interested in helping us finish this campaign. I have a definite proposition to make to you on my own behalf. I suppose no man in the United States of America has worked more faithfully for China and Yenching University than Dr. Luce himself, he has given his life to this worthy service. WOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOURSELF, CHARLES AND RUDOLPH, TO BUILD A RESIDENCE ON THE CAMPUS OF YENCHING UNIVERSITY, AS A MEMORIAL TO DOCTOR AND MRS. LUCE? THE COST WOULD BE \$7,500.00. By doing this generous thing would greatly cheer the hearts of Dr. and Mrs. Luce, and help us in finishing our efforts for the \$53,000.00 we need.

This residence would be known as the "Dr. and Mrs. Henry Luce Residence," made possible by the generosity of Mr. Frederick, Charles and Rudolph Weyerhauser.

Frederick Weyerhauser - #3- 11/5/38

I trust you may consider this proposition in an affirmative way and let us know at your earliest convenience that you have decided to thus honor the service of a great and good man and woman, who have given so much of their lives to the bringing of the message of Christ to the peoples of China.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter sent our from our office that sets forth the claim of our University at the present time in a very vital way.

Thanking you for your generous interest in this matter, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Chester E. Jenney,  
Executive Secretary,  
YENCHING UNIVERSITY.

Saint Paul, Minnesota,  
November 5,

Mr. Rudolph Weyerhauser,  
1314 Merchants National Bank Bldg.,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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Rudolph Weyerhauser- #2- 11/5/28

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Most sincerely yours,

Chester E. Jenney  
Executive Secretary,  
YENCHING UNIVERSITY.

November 28, 1928

My dear Mr. Weyerhaeuser:

A short time ago I was in St. Paul and tried to see you and your brother. You were both out of the city during my entire stay there. I was very sorry indeed to miss you.

I wrote you asking that you and your brothers do a very generous thing - that you build one of the residences we need at Yenching as a memorial to the services of Dr. and Mrs. Henry W. Luce. Up to this time I have heard nothing from you. I wish you would personally take it up with your brothers and see if this can be done and, if they are not interested, it might be that you would be willing to honor this great and good man who has done more than anyone I know for Yenching University.

I wish you would write me at your earliest convenience telling me what the situation is. We need \$50,000 now to complete this campaign on which we have been working for months. If we do not obtain this amount before January 1st, we shall lose a \$90,000 conditional gift. A contribution or pledge from you at this time would have more than its face value in that it would also assist us to obtain this large conditional gift.

With grateful appreciation for anything that you may be able to do for us and looking forward with pleasure to meeting you sometime in the future, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Rudolph Weyerhaeuser  
1314 Merchants National Bank Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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Mr. and Mrs. John Weyerhaeuser  
4301 N. Stevens Street  
Tacoma, Washington

April 6, 1929

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Weyerhaeuser:

On my recent trip to the Pacific coast I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Weyerhaeuser and I wish to thank him for his most courteous and interested response to the work of Yenching University

We have an unusual emergency call immediately before us. I spoke to Mr. Weyerhaeuser about it and now I am writing you both. A recent cablegram from Dr. Stuart states our case more definitely than I can phrase it. Mr. Warranaker in urging me to secure funds for this purpose writes as follows:

"A telegram from President Stuart urges that a residence should be erected for Dr. Leonard Hsu. Dr. Hsu's wife is an American woman and she has been ill for two years with tuberculosis. She is now recuperating in the hills of central China but they expect her to be able to return soon to Peking and are very anxious that a home be ready where she can have the proper conditions to avoid a relapse. It is a pathetic case, since her very young child has had to be left in other hands while the mother has been away."

As yet we are without funds for this residence although I have made a dozen appeals for it. I wish you could see it in your way to give us \$4,000 to make this possible for Dr. and Mrs. Hsu.

I have secured a few small subscriptions toward this residence. The aggregate total is not much. If you would be interested to know the exact amount, I could tell you. However, it is so small that I doubt if you would be interested in knowing.

I trust that you are both in good health and that your prosperity and peace of mind may continue. I hope that the fine gifts you have made to so many things that are worthwhile may be in themselves a source of constant joy to you. Dr. Luce would wish to be remembered.

With great regards, I am

Most sincerely,

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June 28 1932

Mr. Rudolph M. Weyerhaeuser  
 Cloquet, Minnesota

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Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
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Gentlemen:

Your various letters asking for funds to help your institution have been duly received and your night letter under date of June 28th was received this morning.

I am very sorry but it is absolutely impossible for me to give any assistance to you at the present time. It has been necessary for me to cut off some of Mrs. Weyerhaeuser's pet hobbies, as well as some of my own, for this year. I certainly trust that you will be able to make your goal and it is with regret that I am compelled to advise that I can be of no assistance to you.

Yours truly,

*Rudolph M. Weyerhaeuser*  
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*Rudolph M. Weyerhaeuser*

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June 23, 1936

Dear Mr. Weyerhaeuser:

The fact that you gave \$5,000 to Yenching University in 1925 will make you interested in this quotation taken from a letter just received from Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, its president: "I am happy to assure you that despite the uncertainties of the political situation, internal conditions within the institution have never been more full of promise than at the present."

It was a matter of great regret on the part of Dr. Stuart when he was in America last winter on a hurried trip from China, that he was unable to see you. He often spoke of you and members of the Weyerhaeuser family as among his closest friends.

Yenching has become an outstanding school in China and its influence through the scores of graduates is being felt in the remotest corners of that vast country. There were some misgivings during recent months when the pressure of Japan seemed to be centered on North China, lest Yenching might suffer repressive measures, but now that all China seems to be more or less involved, it is highly improbable that any steps shall be taken by Japan with respect to these American-founded universities which would bring upon her our displeasure. It is unworthy of any thoroughgoing thought that China should cease to be a most important factor in the developments of the Far East. For this reason, we have the utmost confidence in the perpetuity of Yenching.

The money which you and your family contributed is, we believe, accomplishing the purpose for which it was given. As members of the Board of Trustees, we have given an untold amount of time as well as considerable sums of money for this Christian university and we have no regrets. Furthermore, we propose to continue our support in this direction. Eventually we hope that China will be able to assume entire financial responsibility of Yenching, but that will be some time in the future. Meanwhile, we shall, of course, display the same spirit of courage and faith that is symbolized in the lives of our faculty on the field.

I am passing this word of encouragement to you thinking that there might be some uncertainty in your mind just at this time.

Very sincerely yours,

President, Board of Trustees

Mr. Rudolph M. Weyerhaeuser  
The Northern Lumber Company  
Cassquet, Minnesota

April 17, 1942

Mr. Rudolph M. Weyerhaeuser  
Cloquet  
Minnesota

My dear Mr. Weyerhaeuser:

I know you are anxious for news from Yenching University. You will find enclosed a review of the situation as we see it today. With the buildings closed and the majority of the foreign staff interned, there is a filtering-through of students and teachers to West China; the seed for a new Yenching has been sown.

The Trustees have made cash appropriations for this new venture, the establishment of a refugee university in Free China. This is in keeping with the patient, enduring spirit of the Chinese, and the vigorous Christian traditions of Yenching. In such an enterprise you will want to have a part.

Our records show that your last gift to Yenching was made several years ago. It is possible that you contributed in recent years to the work of Yenching University through United China Relief, but if your gift was not specifically designated for us, it naturally would not be reported. In order to keep us up to date, please fill out the enclosed postal card and send it to us.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our Chinese friends. The new Yenching, in the heart of Szechwan, will continue to serve China at a time when such services are most urgently needed. The University will continue to be a strong link in the chain of friendship between China and America.

But special funds are required to reestablish Yenching for the duration of the war. As you read this letter, hundreds of our Yenching friends are slowly making their dangerous way through battle lines, and guerrilla territory, to Free China. They are staking their personal resources, and their lives, to preserve the ideals we mutually share. They must have our help.

We also enclose a pledge card and a return envelope. We hope you will take this opportunity to send us a token of your appreciation of the courage and faith of our Chinese friends, who are creating a new Yenching, and a new Christian order in Asia.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer