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510 W-6th St. 1

Claremont, Calif.

March 22, 1941

Mr. B. H. Garside,
Yenching University,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside,

I am writing to ask your
advice regarding a personal problem. As you
perhaps know, I have been planning to come
East to visit relatives and to inspect laboratories
where work is being done along the same lines in
which I have been interested at Yenching. I consider
it essential that I should do this before returning
to China. Such a trip will require at least two
or three months and will require expense.
In view of the present situation in the Pacific
I am not certain just what I should do. I understand
that at present no women and very few men are
allowed, by the U.S. government, to return to the
Orient

If the University expects me to return to China alone next August, Mrs Wilson would probably wish to remain here in Claremont until it becomes possible for her to join me. She has made many friends here and living conditions are somewhat easier than in the East. She wishes to return with me if it is at all possible. In case that neither of us can return in August other problems will arise.

I hope that the N.Y. Office will give this matter serious consideration and that you will advise me what the probabilities are. I realize that the situation is in a state of flux and that no final plans can probably be made at this time. On the other hand we have to decide whether to break up our home here and go to the expense of a trip East. It might be wise to delay such an action for a while?

March 22, 1941

I suppose that you can at least give
me the present official regulations
regarding travel to the Orient - and an
estimate as to the probabilities a few
months hence. Thanking you for any
information that you can provide.

Sincerely yours,
E.O. Wilson

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March 26, 1941

Mr. E. O. Wilson
510 West 6th Street
Claremont, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Correspondence for Mr. Garside is being routed over my desk as he is acting as Executive Director of the United China Relief, of which you will hear more later from various sources.

Any estimate for travel four or five months from now would be rather futile. We are mindful of your problem which is duplicated in many instances and cannot be answered arbitrarily. Where there is a very definite need for assistance which can be rendered effectively by a wife, the State Department has issued passports allowing the husband and wife to return. If there is no conclusive evidence that there is a real need for her service, they are refusing to grant passports to any but the husband.

Probably your guess as to conditions next summer will be as good as ours. It is tragic, however, that families must be disrupted in this manner if they are to continue service to China. In some instances husbands have returned to China only to be kept there for an indefinite period, with the families at this end suffering and facing sickness and trial alone. Just at the present moment there isn't an answer that we can give, and for the immediate future it would seem advisable for you to stay in Southern California. If later you decide on some definite course in view of developments, you will then be in a position to take more intelligent action without the attendant expense of travel at this time.

I am afraid I have not been of a great deal of help, but will give you any new information as soon as any comes to hand.

With sincerest best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS,
Acting Executive Secretary and
Associate Treasurer.

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UNIVERSITIES
MAR 28 1941
JOINT OFFICE

510 W 6th St.,
Claremont, Calif.
May 2, 1941

Dear Mr. Evans;

I am leaving here May 5th
for Detroit and plan to spend a month
in Michigan and Ohio. My address will be
c/o S.R. Wilson, 13383 Prest Ave, Detroit.
Mrs Wilson is remaining here for the time
being at least.

I am enclosing a letter from
Dr. Adolph. You will note that he asks
me to bring certain chemicals. I will buy
these in Detroit and forward receipted bill to
you. I hope that you can advance the payment
and adjust the accounts with the field budget
later.

May 2, 1941

The question of our return to China should be settled soon if possible. I suppose that your office is in a position to make all the necessary arrangements.

I have passport no. 430 issued in Peking Oct. 16, 1939. It is a joint passport with my son Alan. Mrs. Wilson has passport No. 459 issued in Peking. Feb. 21, 1940. It is a joint passport with our son Eric. I do not know whether these passports could be used, with proper visas or whether some new special passports are required under present conditions.

If I am to reach Peking in time for the opening of next semester I should sail about Aug 10th. I hope that your office will keep me informed as to possibilities.

Sincerely yours,

E. O. Wilson.

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May 15, 1941

Mr. E. O. Wilson
c/o S. R. Wilson
13383 Prest Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your letter of May 2nd came to hand and we have conferred with Stephen Tsai regarding the order from Mr. Adolph. He has suggested that we proceed to place the order as requested. I presume you will be able to handle these without difficulty, but you will be able to fix this up with the firm through which the orders are placed. Therefore, you may send the bill to us and we will take care of same promptly.

The passport question is another matter. Shortly after you arrived in America the State Department began collecting all passports from American citizens arriving in the United States. If you present yourself at the boat without proper approval of the State Department, undoubtedly they will refuse to permit passage. On second thought, I am sure that these are the red passports which are declared null and void by the State Department, and as new green ones are being issued this makes it necessary for you to get in touch with the Passport Division and the procedure will be that a new passport will not be issued until you satisfy the Department that you are needed in North China. The sooner you take steps to adjust this matter the better it will be.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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13383 Prut Ave,
Detroit.

May 17, 1941

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter of the
15th re passports reached me
today. In your letter you do not
say anything about Mrs. Wilson.
We should apply for a joint passport
I suppose. If for any reason it is not
possible for her to go some suitable
arrangement will have to be made
for her support in this country.

This might be done by continuing
my salary on the furlough basis
(in U. S. currency) and I could use
whatever part is necessary for
my expenses in China. ^{OK}

I will write ^{to} the
State Dept. for instructions and
presume that a letter to them

May 17, 1941

from your office would be necessary to establish the need for our return to China. In order to be prepared for the eventuality of my return alone, I should like you to consider what arrangements can be made in that case. I expect to rejoin Mr. Wilson in California about June 10th. Final arrangements for the passport might perhaps be left until that time.

I wrote to Dr. Stuart about this matter some time ago and a reply should come early in June.

Sincerely yours,
E. O. Wilson

May 20, 1941

Mr. E. C. Wilson
12363 Prest Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I have given some thought to your letter of May 17th regarding future arrangements in case Mrs. Wilson is not allowed to return to China with you.

I am sure you will find the Department will advise about the passport issue, unless it is definitely established in advance that it is necessary for Mrs. Wilson to return. We have learned from experience that an application for two is held up immediately. If you desire to do so, your initial application to the Department might include both on the assumption that both would be issued. The reply which the Department makes would determine your future course.

The question regarding salary quite necessarily will have to be adjusted with the field. As you have written to Dr. Stuart with the hope that a reply should be in hand early in June, I am suggesting that we allow the matter to continue as at present on a furlough basis which is in agreement with your suggestion. Anyway, the present arrangement lasts through the month of June.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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MAY 21 1941
JOINT OFFICE

503 W. Seventh St.,
Columbus, Ohio

May 24, 1941

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your letter of May 20th. I wrote to the State Dept. on the 17th, asking for a passport for Mrs. Wilson and myself (i.e. procedure to obtain), but have had no reply as yet. I gave your office as reference and confirmation.

My letter to Dr. Stuart was concerned largely with the general prospects for our return and I suggested that something might be done from that end to present the case to the State Dept. I did not raise the question of financial arrangements - I assumed that Dr. Stuart would see that such special arrangements would have to be made in case Mrs. Wilson's return is to be delayed. This matter should be settled satisfactorily before I leave this country.

Mail for me should be addressed to 13383
Prest Ave., Detroit. I expect to remain at the above address for another week but might move sooner than that.

Sincerely yours,

E.O. Wilson

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REPORT OF

May 29, 1941

Mr. E. O. Wilson
13383 Prest Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I dictated a letter yesterday in response to yours of the 24th, but fortunately I did not have time to sign it last night. To a degree, I am glad as word comes this morning that Pacific sailings are being suspended temporarily, at least, and it seems desirable for you to have this information immediately.

I shall be very glad indeed to write to the State Department. It would seem best to write simultaneously with the filing of your application. I would also want to have a very clear statement as to Mrs. Wilson's responsibilities at Yenching and what disposition is being made of the family here in America -- for, of course, the State Department has definitely told us that no children will be allowed to return.

We have had no case turned down by the State Department, but neither have we made any applications which could not be entirely substantiated.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

503 W. Seventh Ave.
Columbus, Ohio.

May 31, 1941

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Dear Mr. Evans,

A letter has finally arrived from the State Dept. The essential points are as follows:

- ① "It is suggested that you take up your case again within a period of 30 days from the date upon which you plan to leave the U.S., at which time you should state the details of your travel plans, i.e., the exact date of your intended sailing, the name of the ship upon which you have engaged passage, and the port of departure."
- ② Certain photograph regulations to be complied with.
- ③ A letter from the missionary organization under whose auspices you intend to proceed, stating that you have been ordered to China ^{and that both} you and your wife will ~~take~~ engage in missionary work. The letter should set forth in detail why it is considered an imperative necessity for both of you to proceed to China at this time.

It seems that much will depend on the letter from your office as under item ③.

I suppose I should sail about August 10th and we can take the matter up with the State Dept. about July 1st. I plan to return to California about June 10th and at that time can talk the matter over with my wife. At the present time it does not seem that her return could be classed as an imperative necessity? I will write to you again as soon as I have talked with my wife.

I do not suppose, under present conditions, that there will be any great difficulty about engaging passage. Will your office attend to that when the time comes? I would prefer an Am. President line Boat, but not the Coolidge.

I shall be at the above address until next Wednesday, June 4th., from June 4th to 6th of Peter Wilson, Pyle Cat, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. Or you may write Dr. at 180 W Ninth St. Claremont, Calif. That is the present address of Mrs. Wilson.

Sincerely yours,

E. O. Wilson.



JUL 1 1941
OFFICE

June 3, 1941

Mr. E. O. Wilson
c/o Peter Wilson
Pyle Out
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your letter of May 31st is at hand, quoting from a communication from the State Department. This follows out in the same general pattern which has been followed during the last several months. We are of course always ready to certify to the standing of our staff members. The State Department, however, does expect us to make a straightforward statement regarding each individual, and when the time comes for writing the letter, we will ask for more definite details regarding Mrs. Wilson's activities in China.

Just at the present time no sailings are being accepted as all sailings on the Pacific have been cancelled for the time being. We understand, however, that the Government will release several boats at a later date. Most assuredly we will endeavor to secure passage for you, and as soon as possible will make such an application.

Word has just been received from Yenching, stating that it is their earnest hope that you will be able to return for work next fall.

Very sincerely yours,

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3405 Via Polomido
Palos Verdes Estates
Calif.

June 17, 1941

Dear Mr. Evans:

This is to give you my present address. We will remain at the above address until further notice.

I understand that I can do nothing more about returning to teaching until transportation has been obtained. After that I will go ahead with arrangements with State Dept. It does not seem likely that Mrs Wilson can be included.

If possible I should like to sail on the same boat with Dr. L.C. Porter. I think he has written to you about this.

Sincerely yours,

E.O. Wilson.

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3405 Via Palomino
Palos Verdes, Calif.
June 24, 1941

Dear Mr. Evans:

A recent letter from L. L. Porter
indicates that he has secured transportation on a
Dutch liner. I think Mr. Porter has brought this to
your attention through E. E. Smith of the American Board.
I hope that you can arrange to secure a sailing for
me on the same boat with Mr. Porter. After that has been
done we can proceed with the prompt visa.

Very truly yours,

E. O. Wilson.

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JUN 23 1941
#1 JOHN D. GEORGE

3405 Via Palomino,
Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.
June 28, 1941.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your air mail letter of the 23rd. As soon as you let me know the name & date of sailing of the boat on which you have secured passage for me, I will go ahead with application for passport visa and renewal.

I should also like a statement from your office regarding financial arrangements for next year. It is my suggestion that the salary be paid on the present furlough basis, including rental allowance, to Mrs. Wilson. We will then arrange for a suitable division of the salary between Mrs. Wilson and myself. I also wish to know the exact amount of the children's accumulated educational subsidy to my credit, and the additional amount that will be credited next year. You will appreciate the necessity of my having this information before I leave for China.

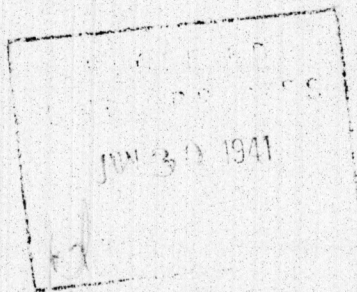
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I understand that the educational subsidy that remains unused is drawing interest. Can you tell me at what rate? It is possible that two of the boys will stay out of school and work next year, so we would like to know how much interest we may expect to accumulate on the unused funds.

After the sailing accommodations have been secured please send me one half of the reoutfit allowance. I need some clothing and other things and should be purchasing them now. The other half of the reoutfit allowance may be sent to Mrs. Wilson when she starts for China. The travel allowance (\$375) may also be forwarded to me at your convenience, or the balance if your office pays the trans Pacific passage. Thanking you for your attention to these details.

Sincerely yours,

S. O. Wilson



June 28, 1941

Mr. E. O. Wilson
3405 Via Palomino
Palos Verdes, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am answering your letter with a paragraph from Earle Smith's letter dated yesterday and which has just come to my hand:

"This morning I have a letter from the Dutch Line regarding a reservation for Mr. E. O. Wilson. The company has guaranteed a B grade berth in the August 9 sailing from San Francisco to Manila. The fare for this reservation is \$410.00, San Francisco - Manila, plus \$10 B grade supplement, less \$41.00 missionary concession. This berth is being held under option until July 2. As this does not give you much time to check with Mr. Wilson and report to our office, I am today asking the company to accept the reservation. We can cancel the space at a later date without any cancellation charge. I hope, however, it will be possible to get a decision not later than July 15. I might mention that the Dutch Line does not announce the names of any of their boats, but if you report the date of departure to the State Department, I expect they will know the name of the ship."

I would advise you to proceed with your application for passport and on Monday or Tuesday we will get out a letter to the State Department covering your application.

I am notifying Earle Smith to hold this reservation, although there is a possibility of a President boat early in August.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via Air Mail

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UNIVERSITIES
JUL 1 1941
JOINT OFFICE

3405 Via Palomino,
Palos Verdes Estates

July 1st, 1941

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your letter of June 28th. You state that passage has been secured for me on the Dutch line sailing from San Francisco for Manila on Aug 9th. I think that the State Dept. would like further details such as the name of the ship and the port at which I should leave, Kobe or Shanghai.

I will proceed with the application to the State Dept. without those details but would suggest that you give them (and me) this information if it is available. I would also appreciate a statement from you regarding the financial arrangements for the coming year as raised in my last letter.

Hoping that our plans go forward smoothly and
Thanking you for your help.

Sincerely,

E. O. Wilson.

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July 2, 1941

Mr. E. O. Wilson
3405 Via Palomino
Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your letter of June 28th was held over a day pending news from your sailings. The boat scheduled for August 9th was postponed until August 30th, but the American Board has shifted your sailings to one on August 15th on the Dutch Line. The name of the boat is not given.

It is urged, therefore, that you make application for your passports as soon as possible to be in line for accepting this sailing when it is confirmed.

Your letter of the 28th requests information regarding financial arrangements for next year which is the current year now. I am proposing that you continue the present salary arrangement until you return to China, and adjustments can be made at that time.

Your credit balance in the educational allowance at the close of the fiscal year and after the \$800.00 had been deducted from next year is \$1,891.07. The rate of interest for the past year has not been summarized, but that for 1939-40 was 3 3/4%.

We are sending you herewith \$125.00 on your re-outfit allowance which will be of some help at the present.

It is possible you will wish to be sure of your sailings before committing yourself very strongly to any large purchases here, but I will leave that entirely to you.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS,
Acting Executive Secretary and
Associate Treasurer.

CAE/B
cc: Miss Cookingham

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JUL 15 1941
JOINT OFFICE

3405 Via Palomino
Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.
July 18, 1941

Dear Mr. Evans,

I believe that you have paid the last two premiums on my life insurance policy with the Mass. Mutual, and that those amounts have not been deducted from my salary. If you will send me a statement I will mail you a check for the correct amount.

I still have not heard from the State Dept regarding my passport.

Sincerely yours,
E.O. Wilson.

P.S. I am going ahead with small pox vaccination and an examination of my eyes.
Paid and charged to the field acct.

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I had a talk with Dr. L. Wolffs the other night. He hopes to leave next week via the Dutch line and tells me that it is necessary to go first to Manila and then back to Shanghai, taking a K.M.A. boat from Shanghai to Chinwangtao. I suppose that you know about this. He has written his Presbyterian Office in Shanghai to make reservations for him. I suppose that under the circumstances you will pay the exact amount of transportation, rather than the usual lump sum. In making the computation please note that I started from Columbus, Ohio. I will appreciate any information that you can obtain for me as to details of trip. EDW.

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July 29, 1941

Mr. E. O. Wilson
3405 Via Palomino
Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your letter of July 18th is at hand and, as requested, we are sending herewith receipts covering the insurance payments made June 1940 and June 1941. The total amount is \$280.40.

In view of the prevailing conditions and recent steps which the Government has taken, it would seem that prospects of getting admission into North China are relatively small. Stephen Tsai had a very unpleasant experience upon arriving at Peking and it would appear that he must be sent to Free China or return to America. We are keeping this, however, from Government circles as it might mitigate against getting passports for Americans even though there is a vast difference in the nationality.

I hope you will let us know immediately upon receipt of any word from the Government.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS,
Acting Executive Secretary and
Associate Treasurer.

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JUN 23 1941
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

AUG 11 1941

3405 Via Palomino,
Palos Verdes Estates,
Calif.

Aug. 8, 1941

Dear Mr. Evans,

A letter arrived from the

State Dept. this morning stating that they are prepared to validate my passport for the trip to Peking. First however they want

- (a) date and port of departure from U.S.
- (b) name of steamship.
- (c) names of ports at which vessel will touch before it reaches destination.

If you have this information please give it to the State Dept. and to me. If not please instruct me how to secure this information.

I should also like you to arrange at once for funds for the trip. How much is needed for the journey from Manila to Shanghai & Shanghai to Peking. If these amounts are not known they will have to be estimated and adequate funds

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provided. Any other information that you may have relative to the trip under present conditions will be appreciated. What about Lucius Porter - is he to sail on the same boat (Aug. 22 from L.A.)?

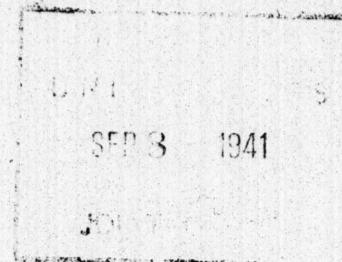
While waiting for your reply I shall make what inquiries I can from Los Angeles and will let you know promptly if I obtain any new information.

I should also like to have your assurance that Mrs. Wilson will continue to receive the present salary and rental allowance. It is not very satisfactory for me to start out with the idea that that arrangement be authorized from Tokyo. In my absence Mrs. Wilson will of course control the children's educational funds and the disposition of these may be made as she directs.

Hoping to have your reply by air mail

Sincerely,

Ed Wilson



August 11, 1941

Mr. Earl O. Wilson
3405 Via Balonino
Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am grateful for your letter of August 8th, informing us of the attitude of the State Department and asking for further information. We sent you a copy of our letter to the State Department, which we are confirming by telephone today.

Your ticket will be in our hands tomorrow, and will be forwarded by air mail to the above address. It would appear that as your ticket calls for Shanghai as your destination the amount of US\$100.00 should be sufficient. I note that you have had \$125.00 outfit allowance and the balance is due you. Therefore I am enclosing a check for \$225.00. As the cost of the ticket is \$423.90, you can make report on the whole amount when reaching Peking. Check for \$2.00 medical expenses is enclosed herewith.

I can say no more regarding your salary than I have said in the past. I am suggesting that this be taken up with the field immediately upon arrival. Meanwhile we will continue the payments until further word is received from Peking.

Very sincerely yours,

C.E:PC
Enc.

Acting Executive Secretary

copy: Miss Mary Cookingham

letter from William C. Borgers Aug. 12

August 13, 1941

Mr. Earl O. Wilson
3405 Via Palomino
Palos Verdes Estates, California

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We are enclosing herewith exchange orders No. 438 and 1461 covering your sailing from Los Angeles to Manila, and from Manila to Shanghai. You will notice these orders are to be exchanged at the agencies listed for the passage tickets. It is requested that you be in Los Angeles on the morning of August 22nd to receive complete details as to the time of embarkation and the pier from which the vessel will sail.

We are enclosing a questionnaire, which we trust you will fill in and return in the enclosed envelope to Mr. William C. Borgers, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

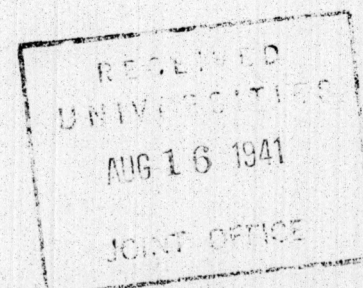
We trust you will be able to get away as planned and that you will have an enjoyable trip.

With sincere regards and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

JIP:RC
Enclosures

Secretary



Noted &
Informed
EUS.
Miss KEE
H.M.W.

1127 Wilshire Blvd.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Oct 7. 1941.

My dear Mr. Evans:

You will see from
the above I have
moved again! I hope
to make a home here
until Jan. when I am
returning to Oberlin College.

I am very anxious
to hear from you
of the safe arrival
of Mr. Wilson -

Will appreciate your
help in changing my
address on your list.

Cordially yours -
(Mrs E.O. & The Wilsons)

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OCT 14 1941
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THE NATIONAL CITY BANK
of New York

Peiping November 6, 1941.

Mr. E. O. Wilson
c/o Department of Chemistry,
Yenching University,
Haitien.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 4,
1941, please note that according to our records,
the following securities:

US\$1,000 American & Foreign Power Co.
Gold Deb. 5% Series due 2030
No. M-14236

US\$2,000 International Tel. & Tel. Corp.
25 Year 5% coupon Gold Deb. Bond
due Feb. 1, 1955 Nos. 35894/5 for
\$1,000 each

which we delivered to you October 22, 1941, were
handed to us for Safekeeping September 23, 1931.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

Manager

1127 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif
Dec 8. 1941.

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My dear Mr Evans:

Will you be good
enough to have this
health report
delivered to Dr. Vaughn

I hope you will
let me know if
any word comes
from checking -

You can imagine
how anxious I am

With kind personal
regards
Sincerely,

Scott Wilson
(Mrs E. D.)

December 11, 1941

Mrs. E. O. Wilson
1127 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I am acknowledging your letter of December 8th enclosing the health report which has been handed to Dr. Vaughan. His office will communicate with you again regarding this.

Since last Saturday we have received no definite word from Yenching and that message was sent to you and undoubtedly you have it by this time. The nearest approach to information is that which we received yesterday. This was a release from the State Department stating that attaches of the Peking Embassy were all safe. The Department was interpreting this to mean that it referred to Americans in the Peking area including Yenching, P. U. M. C. and the Catholic College. This is the best I have to offer at the present time and yet I realize how inadequate and unsatisfactory it must be to you.

We have faith, however, that things will turn out satisfactorily in the end.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

change of address
given by Mrs. Van Pelt
1/28/42

190 West Ninth St.
Claremont Cal.
Jan 20, 1942.

My dear Mr. Evans C.K. car

Will you please
forward \$330.⁰⁰ from
our educational fund
to the Treasurers of Oberlin
College. This is to be
deposited in the name
of Alan B. Wilson
our youngest son,
toward his expenses
for second semester.
Will you also give
me some information

Mailed Check to Oberlin 1/26/42

Paul
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about the status of this
fund and our annuity?
What is the balance
for education including
this year's allowance?

Where is ^{1,891.07} our annuity
policy, in your office
or in your office ^{not in office}
Dr. is a Canadian ^{have}
company I believe?

Will payments be kept
up from your office
also premium on
life insurance? ^{yes}
Will you please

advise me about
income tax and how
it may apply to
position

We have never ^{no income on ~~received~~ a} paid
income tax and I can't
imagine it would
apply but would like
to make sure. Mr
Wilcox has always
managed all our finances
so all the above funds
we rather helpless.

As you notice from

The above address
I have moved back ^{noted 4/}
to Claremont. It is
much more pleasant
and near friends. —
I am enclosing a bill ^{\$8.00}
for Alani's dentistry. ^{Paid 1/23/42}
Dr. Dennis V. Smith examined ^{no 10797}
my eyes without
charge. would you
be good enough to have
your office acknowledge
his kindness.

Thank you so much
for news from Jericho.
I am anxious to know
any bit of interesting and
appreciate even that
and care — Sincerely,
Flo G. Wilson

January 27, 1942

Mrs. E. O. Wilson
190 West Ninth Street
Claremont, California

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I am acknowledging your letter of the 20th and, as requested, we sent \$330.00 of the educational allowance to the Treasurer of Oberlin in the name of Alan B. Wilson. This is designated for expenses for the second semester.

The Educational Fund has a credit for the Wilsons of \$1,561.07 after the above payment.

I am sorry to say that your policies must be in Peking as they are not filed in our office. The name of the Company is the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada with head offices at Montreal. Payments on your annuity policy, as well as the insurance will be paid as in the past.

The question you raise regarding income tax does not apply in your case as the amount is earned entirely without the United States and is not reported to the Government.

I am indeed happy to know that Dr. Smith donated his services in connection with your eye treatment. I am writing him a letter accordingly and trust you will forward it as I do not have the address readily available.

The following cable came through the American Red Cross this morning addressed to Yenching University Office:

"UNIVERSITY CLOSED SALARIES PAID DECEMBER BRITISH AMERICANS REMAIN IN RESIDENCES WELL TREATED INFORM FAMILIES GALT."

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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VIA AIR MAIL

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PLEASE INVESTIGATE REPORT. E O WILSON ESCAPED. INDIRECT
SOURCE KATHARINE WOLFERZ=

MRS E O WILSON.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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April 1, 1942

Mrs. D. O. Wilson
190 West 9th Street
Claremont, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Mr. Evans gave me your telegram of inquiry this morning and asked me to find out what I could about the source of the report you heard. I first phoned to Mrs. Welferz and she referred me to Dr. Bliss Wiant. Dr. Wiant said that he got the information about your husband through the Chinese News Service. I quote the sentences that this organization published.

"2/27 - Chungking: Our observer in Kinkwa, Chongqing Province, has written that Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, the President of Yenching University, is safe although interned in the American Embassy in Peiping, this according to a recently arrived Yenching student who saw the eminent American educator strolling in the Embassy compound.

"On December 3rd, Dr. Stuart left for Tientsin. After the outbreak of the Pacific war, the Japanese brought him back to Peiping. Later on, under a Japanese escort, he was allowed to return to the Yenching campus to get things that he required.

"* * * The arrival had no news concerning detained faculty members, apart from the fact that Dr. D. O. Wilson was free and professors Liu Ho-hsuan and Henry Chow were among those detained by the Japanese."

This news was also incorporated in the latest China Colleges Bulletin which is now on its way to you, and which will have reached you before this letter.

I am sorry that I have not been able to find out anything more and have no more comforting news to report to you. Mr. Evans feels that the "free", as referring to your husband, is open to various interpretations. It may mean that he is actually in free territory or it may simply mean that he is not closely confined. Your own knowledge of the local situation will enable you to interpret this word as adequately as anyone else could do.

The dispatch quoted above is dated the 27th of February. I would, therefore, infer that, if Mr. Wilson is free, you will be hearing from him directly very soon, since we are now beginning to get letters from Free China, dated during the month of February.

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126 W. 8th St.
Claremont.
California.
April 2. '90.

My dear Mr Evans,

I sat Monday Mar 29
I had word from an
old China friend that
you had heard that
"E. O. Wilson has escaped"

I sent you a telegram
Tuesday Sun. Mar 30
asking you to investigate
— I have not received
an answer nor
have I had a bulletin
from your office in
some time — I imagine
your stops are
having an Easter

holiday and you did
not receive my telegram
Several people have
written to me - of course
I'm still hoping it
is a false rumor.

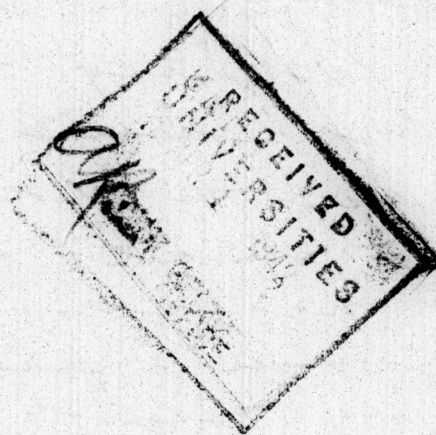
As you know Mr
Wildman is very
thatful and well
balanced - and I
would not expect
him to under take
an escape - as a
matter of fact he
is the last person
of that group I would
expect to do such a
thing - I feel so
sure he would not
do this unless he
were ill -

I have not been
able to take this
calmly - but do
feel I would like
to hear from you
and want you
to tell me all you
may know -

I was glad to hear
that the visitant
was good and Mr
Stewart had returned
to Peking - That
also came to me
thru a friend -

I shall appreciate
so much hearing
from you - and
any news of Mr Wilson
Sincerely,

(Mrs E. D.) To W. Wilson.



April 4, 1942

Mrs. E. O. Wilson
126 West Eighth Street
Claremont, California

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

A letter was written to you several days ago and I regret exceedingly to learn that it was sent by ordinary mail. However, by now you must have it in hand which will explain of the information which we have available on the questions you raised.

There has been no additional news within the last couple of days from North China.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via Air Mail

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August 21, 1942

Mrs. E. O. Wilson
126 W. 8th Street
Claremont, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Your letter of August 17th at hand, and you may rest assured that every possible approach has been made to the State Department regarding the exchange of American citizens. This was done early in December, and constant pressure has been exerted. There is some hope that a vessel will bring back some of the people in North China in the early fall. There is nothing authentic, however, regarding this.

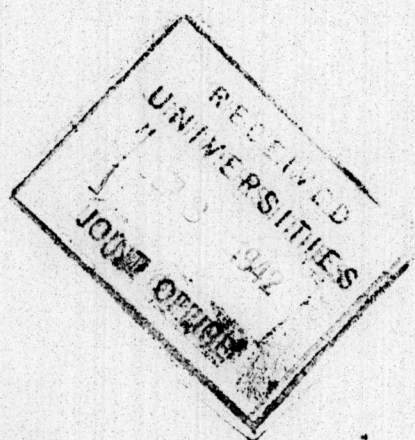
Very truly yours,

CAE.A

C. A. EVANS

*Will look into the Bond question
next week when our accountant is
back in the office.*

0200



514 East Chestnut Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif.

Sept. 6, 1942

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Associated Board of Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.
Dear Mr. Evans;-

Mr. E. O. Wilson of Yenching
University gave me the enclosed two bonds,
asking that I forward them to you, to be
forwarded to Mrs. Evans. He did not know
her changed address.

Cordially yours,

James B. Swartz

*Write to
Mrs. E. O. Wilson
9/14/42*

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September 14, 1942

Mr. Jesse B. Wolfe
514 East Chestnut Avenue
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

I am indeed grateful for your letter of September 6th enclosing the following:

1. Material referred to in our office soon after you arrived in New York.
2. US\$1,000 American & Foreign Power Co. Gold Deb. 5% Series due 2030 No. M-14236.
3. US\$2,000 International Tel. & Tel. Corp. 25 Year 5% coupon Gold Deb. Bond due Feb. 1, 1955 Nos. 35894/5 for \$1,000 each.

The latter to be referred to Mrs. Wilson.

I am grateful beyond any ability of mine to express for your courtesy and conscientious performance of these deeds of good will. Some parts of this material is invaluable to us at the present time, although it cannot be used in any public way. It does quite definitely quash the story rampant about the severe treatment of Dr. Stuart.

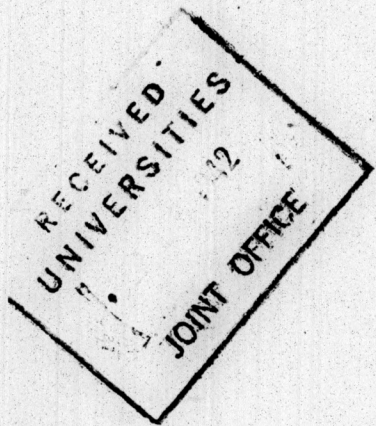
With added thanks, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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September 14, 1942

Mrs. E. O. Wilson
126 West 8th Street
Claremont, California

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

We are directing this letter to your last recorded street number and wish to notify you that we have in our possession the following securities:

US\$1,000 American & Foreign Power Co. Gold Deb. 5%
Series due 2030 No. M-14236.

US\$2,000 International Tel. & Tel. Cor. 25 Year 5%
coupon Gold Deb. Bond due Feb. 1, 1955 Nos. 35894/5
for \$1,000 each.

These have come into our possession through personal delivery and we are requested to forward them to you as your present address was not known.

If you will let me know the address to which you wish these securities sent, we will dispatch them by registered mail at once.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via Air Mail

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Notice re change of address:

Miss Cloud.

" Vandiver

Mr. Cameron

Miss Dexter

Price

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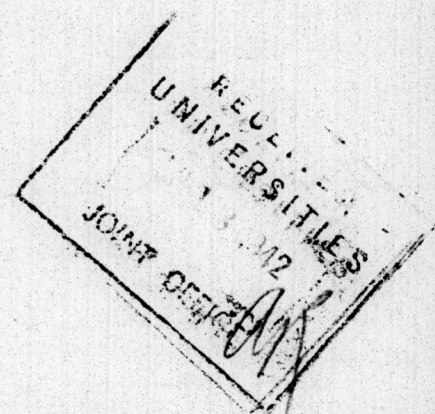
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246 Dartmouth
Claremont.
Calif.

Sept 16. 1942

My dear Mr Evans:

Thank you for your
letter of Sept 14 informing
me of arrival of the
securities -- I presume
Mr Wilson sent
them on the Gripsholm
Please forward to
me at the above
address. I am living
on the campus of
Pomona College.
I am to keep in a
new project -- to
interest & entertain
So. American visitors.
I shall also audit
classes. So I think the
above address is
permanent until
Mr Wilson's return.
Thank you
Sincerely, K. Wilson



September 18, 1942

Mrs. E. O. Wilson
246 Dartmouth St.
Claremont, California

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Enclosed find the following which we are sending by registered
mail:

US\$1,000 American & Foreign Power Co. Gold Deb. 5%
Series due 2030 No. M-14236.

US\$2,000 International Tel. & Tel. Cor. 25 Year 5%
coupon Gold Deb. Bond due Feb. 1, 1955 Nos. 35894/5
for \$1,000 each.

We are glad to have this change in your address and note you are
rendering good service on the Pomona College campus.

We will keep you informed of any new developments.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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246 Dartmouth St.
Claremont.

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Oct 16, 1902

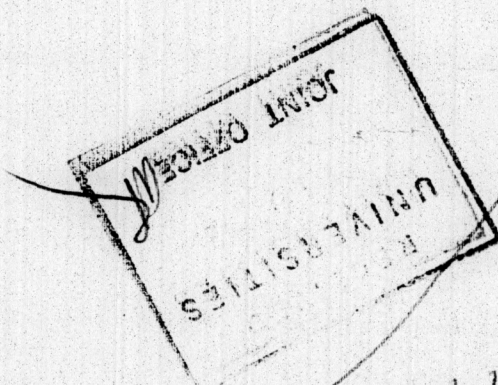
My dear Mr Evans,
Does yourling
university - rank
Class C - ?
who is the
authority - ?
The reason I
ask - our son
Peter G. Wilson
has just
transferred to

University of California
at Los Angeles.
The registrar refused
about half of his
credits from fencing
because fencing
was in Class C.
Peter had his work
in the Science
college and we
are rather proud
of the calibre of work.
Is there any thing
we can do about
it?

Will you also tell
me how much
money we have
in our educational
fund?

Also is there any
word of fencing
people on the
Gripsholm?
With kind regards
Sincerely, H. Gilman

Carnegie Foundation advance
General Edu Bd. planning.



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October 19, 1942

Mrs. E. O. Wilson
246 Dartmouth Street
Claremont, California

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Your letter of the 16th is at hand.

There is no recourse from a university giving a rank to another university. It is an individual proposition and not any authoritative body such as one might suppose. When in doubt, there has always been an enrollment of the student on condition, making the student demonstrate his worth. Consequently, there is nothing you can do regarding Peter, unless it is with the University of California.

The amount remaining in the Educational Fund on June 1, 1941 was \$1,891.07. From this we paid \$330.00 this past year, leaving a balance of \$1,561.07 to which a few dollars of interest will have accrued during the year.

The expectation is that the GRIPSHOLM will sail from New York within the next month. There is nothing definite about it at the present time.

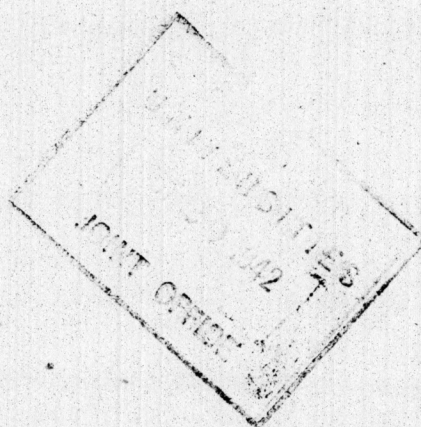
Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via Air Mail

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October 30, 1942

Mrs. E. O. Wilson
246 Dartmouth Street
Claremont, California

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I have before me a letter written by Miss Mary Cookingham under date of June 6th. Therein she quotes a letter written by her on November 19th as follows:

"We are holding for Mr. E. O. Wilson's account the sum of L\$306.50 and since we are unable to pay this money to him here he has requested that the amount be paid to Mrs. Wilson in America. On receipt of this letter will you please pay Mrs. Wilson US\$61.30, the equivalent of L\$306.50 at the exchange rate of 5 to 1?

On November 19, 1941 we sent you the following letter: 'On receipt of this letter will you please pay to Mrs. E. O. Wilson \$70.00 and charge to our Account 31? We have sold this money to Mr. Wilson today at 8.55 which is the bank's buying rate.'

If this letter did not reach you earlier will you please send the \$70.00 to Mrs. Wilson now? Thank you for taking care of these payments for us."

Agreeable thereto we are enclosing check for \$131.30 which we have charged to the Yenching University account.

This letter was brought to us through the courtesy of one returning on the GRIPSHOLM who had been in Peking, but we prefer not to have it mentioned in any way. Miss Cookingham has written of nothing else except financial matters.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Spanish House.
Claremont, Calif.
Dec 10. 1912.

My dear Mr Evans:

There have been
newspaper reports
here that the Japanese
have imprisoned
some two hundred
Americans & British
in Shanghai - also
in North China -
This action was

said it had been
taken in retaliation
for the treatment
of Japanese. The
report also
mentioned that
there was to be
no further exchange
of prisoners because
the returned Japanese
had caused unrest
in Japan -

Do you know if
there is any truth
in the above or
do you have any
news of another
exchange?

I noticed the
list Mr. Ransom had
sent out did not
include my husband.

Name - It occurred
to me that since
he was nat.
under a mission
board nothing
was known of
his status -
Is your office
able to intercede
for members of
the staff that
would not be
included in requests
by mission boards?
I am keeping busy
and trying to be
patient & ^{trustworthy} ~~trustworthy~~
^{Mr. C. Wilson.}

December 16, 1942

Mrs. E. O. Wilson
246 Dartmouth Street
Claremont, California

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Your letter of the tenth came to hand Monday and we are interested in your reaction to the newspaper reports about the internment of people in North China. There is no definite news, either in the State Department or from any other source that we know of. We knew that an effort had been made to segregate the men of military age and a report came through from South China some time ago to that effect. However, none of the organizations in New York or Washington have any word to report at the present time. We know of a large group of British, approximately three hundred, who are interned in the Country Club at Shanghai as being unable to find quarters on the last repatriation ship. They were brought down from North China with the idea of clearing that area first, but in some unaccountable manner no space was left for them.

Your letter sounds a new note which has not been heretofore revealed in that the reports of the repatriated Japanese causes unrest at home. We had heard that they had reported severe treatment in America, but nothing elsewise.

Plans for repatriation are still being worked upon, but it takes a great deal of amount of time because of the necessity of working through the Swiss Government.

All of those on the Yenching staff have been listed in the same manner as board-supported members, but undoubtedly any Mission Board literature which is issued will not include Mr. Wilson's name.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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246 Dartmouth St.
Claremont, Calif.
July 21. '95.

My dear Mr Evans:

Some of my friends
from the Far East have
been advised by their
lawyers to register
property owned in
occupied countries.

Mr Randall Paul
of the Treasury Dept
in Washington is
in charge of registration.

Do you think this
might apply to
house hold goods
and Pitauko cottage
in my case?

I received my Mexican
Clergy certificate, thank
you so much for
instructions.
With kind regards
Mrs. E. C. Wilson.

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August 13, 1943

Mrs. E. O. Wilson
246 Dartmouth Street
Claremont, California

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

The last two weeks have been hectic ones here in the east what with all the humidity and heat, vacations, illness, air-raids and what not, so that some things have gone by default.

I am sorry to notice that your letter of July 21st, which reached us July 26th, has been delayed in answering.

Your inquiry about the registration of property is most pertinent. Anything owned by a United States citizen in a foreign country should be registered, be it real estate property, bonds, stocks, or equities of any kind. Your nearest Customs House will furnish you with the blanks and these should be filled out in detail, with the valuation of the property. If you have any difficulty in taking care of this kindly let me know.

Very truly yours,

CAE:EW.

C. A. EVANS

0226

246 Portsmouth St.
Claremont, Calif.
Aug 20. '943.

My dear Mr. Evans:

I am writing for your
advice and help. This morning
I read the enclosed in L.A. Times -
I have been anxious to send
drugs and vitamins to Mr.
Wilson so I sent off an air
mail special to you. Then
went to Pasadena to see the
Wilson's doctor - They were
most kind - kept me
order and send off a
box air mail - The bill
including postage (6.⁰⁰)
was \$95.68 you can
imagine I did not pay
this bill without misgiving.
I made an agreement
with druggist to return
if you were not able

to get them see "Gripsholm"
I think it is worth a try as
it is nearly a two yr. supply
of vitamins much needed.
However if you do not
think it wise and can
not make arrangements
please ship back to
me ordinary post insured.
If it is not possible to
send on Gripsholm - can
the Red Cross get them thru
to Mrs Wilson?

I think they should be
addressed to Mr Wilson
with as a possible
repatriate and a citizen
in Theissen Assembly center
don't you.

I am ever so grateful
to you and sorry to
trouble you - of course
I shall meet you in some
and appreciate your advice.
Sincerely,

(Mrs E. O.) Flo G. Wilson.

246 Dartmouth St.
Claremont, Calif.
Aug 20. 1953.

My dear Mr Evans:

I am sending a package
of drugs for Mr Wilson
by air special to you.

Will you please get the
necessary permit and
get this package on the
"SS Gripsholm" for me -

I didn't know it was
possible to send packages
and now it will reach
me & get it off - I shall
appreciate your help
in this matter. Package
should be addressed to
Hatch Gripsholm, as
repatriate and the
Theissen Assembly Center in
case he is not returning

This is really important
so I should not trouble
you -

At your convenience will
you also tell me what
Mr Wilsons annual
premium is on insurance
(Life) I notice June &
July salary lists had
deductions -

Thanking you for
your assistance in
pushing drugs to the
Gripsholm -

With kind regards -

Mrs E. O. Wilson



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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

August 23, 1943

Mrs. E. O. Wilson,
246 Dartmouth Street,
Claremont, Calif.

EARL LISTED FOR REPATRIATION ON GRIPSHOLM ~~CONVICTS~~. WE ARE INFORMED ONLY LETTERS
CAN BE SENT BY THIS SHIP TO REPATRIATES. SHALL WE RETURN PACKAGE.

Charles H. Corbett

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CHAS CORBETT=

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HAVE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING PACKAGES OR NEXT OF KIN
LABELS IF MR WILSON IS TO BE REPATRIATED PLEASE RETURN
PACKAGES INSURED PARCEL POST=

MRS E O WILSON.

0232

August 26, 1943

Mrs. Earl O. Wilson,
246 Dartmouth Street,
Claremont, Calif.

Dear Flo:

At the suggestion of Mr. Cameron of our office, we are sending the package of vitamin tablets direct to Horton & Converse, 621 West Pico Street, Los Angeles, California, by insured parcel post, hoping thereby to save you from having to make a trip to the city. We have sent a letter to the company, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, asking them to notify you when the package arrives. I trust this will work out satisfactorily.

Yesterday I wrote a letter to Earl and to each of the other men being repatriated from Yenching, just to let them know we had not forgotten them and that we are mighty glad they are coming back.

I suppose when the ship does return it will take several days to discharge the passengers, as was the case the last time. The Government is very careful to make sure of the loyalty of each passenger and that takes a great deal of time. Friends were not allowed on the dock but had to wait until the passengers got through the cordon before they could greet their friends. I say this in order that you may not be disappointed in case three or four days elapse after the ship gets here before Earl gets off the ship. His name being at the lower end of the alphabet may or may not be a disadvantage. If they begin with the letter "Z" and work backward it will be all right.

With very kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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Samuel Hauer,
Claremont, Calif.
Oct 21, 1943.

My dear Char. Corbett,
Now that "Sherm"
is really on his way home
I want to start plans for
his arrival - I hope Alan
whom we still call "Midi",
can meet him - He is
in "Cornello's" foreign area
service, address,

Alan B. Wilson,
275 #13, Co D. 3206 SC 50.
Ithaca, N. Y. I give
you his address in case
any late decisions or
change in plans you
could reach him -
I have no idea what state
of health "Sherm" will be
in but I imagine he should
have a physical check up
before leaving N. Y. ?
After a few days visit
with Alan I think he
will want to visit Pete
in Cambridge - Pete is in
Harvard graduate school
doing research in Electronics
now. address 11 Melly St.
Cambridge 38 Mass. (27)

0235

I want you to have Thorne
address in case Thorne
needs help. and I am
so far away. I can come
if course if necessary.
I know you will be
very busy but will you give
Thorne a personal welcome
too? he does not know
any one in our publishing
office so I'm so glad
you are there to make
him feel at home.

Would it be possible
for you or some one
in the office to make
reservations in a hotel
(modest) for Thorne
and Alan? also get a
reservation to Calif
(Los Angeles) with a berth
for Dec. 16 via Boston?
and can you get
clergy certificate for
him in advance?

All this may be asking
too much but would be
a great help I'm sure.
I shall be ever so grateful
for your help. Best
Wishes - Sincerely, Fred Wilson.

October 26, 1943

Mrs. E.O. Wilson
Spanish House
Claremont, Calif.

Dear Flo,

It is good to hear from you again, and to have the privilege of carrying out your wishes in regard to welcoming Sherm back home again.

In regard to health examination we have an arrangement with Dr. Vaughn who was formerly a missionary in China and has an office in this building. He will have a staff of assistants on hand when the Gripsholm comes in, and will give the right of way to those going to places outside of New York, except of course for emergency cases which he will have to see at once. So that you may rest assured that Sherm will be checked over to see what shape he is in.

I was glad to get the address of Alan and Peter, and will see that they are kept posted on developments.

We will arrange for hotel accommodation and for travel arrangements. I cannot tell you offhand about securing the clergy certificates in advance, but will let you know in due time.

I shall be most happy to give Sherm a warm personal greeting. Arrangements are now in process of being worked out by the American Red Cross and the Foreign Missions Conference as to meeting repatriates when they step off the steamer, and keeping relatives and friends informed. The difficulty is that it takes several days to check over the passenger list, and it is not possible to tell in advance when any particular individual will be allowed ashore. But I expect things will work out much more smoothly this time, with the experience of the first repatriation to guide those in charge of arrangements. We have F.B.I. men in this office almost every day. They ask us not only about the loyalty of our own professors but about many other people whom we happen to know. We are glad to be able to testify to the complete loyalty of our staff as well as of our friends. All this will expedite their disembarkation.

Don't hesitate to write about other things that may occur to you before the ship comes in. Minnie joins me in the most cordial greetings.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Corbett

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Spanish House.
Claremont, Calif
Nov 19. 1943.

My dear Charles:

I have taken the liberty
of using the New York
Office & your name as
Sherwin's address.

I hope there will not
be too much mail.
but some will be
important and shall
appreciate your
help in getting it to
him - With relatives
asked to stay home
and wait for word
of passengers it may
be difficult to
contact Sherwin?
I hope you have
been able to reserve

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Nov. 19, 1943
room for Sherman &
Alan. I have asked
Alan to inform you
as soon as he reaches
town but it may be
Sat. afternoon Dec. 4
and the office will
be closed. In that
case, could Alan
telephone you at
home or should
he contact Red
Cross? Both Sherman
& Alan are strangers
in New York so it
will be blind leading
blind. I had a cable
from Rio asking for
history of past illness
to be forwarded to N.Y.
That sounds as if
Sherman's health was

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Spanish House,
Claremont, Calif.
Nov 6. 1903.

My dear Mr Evans:

Enclosed find
bill for dental work
covering the last year.
I hope I am finished
with this sort of thing
for awhile —

I am feeling much
better. and with the
promise of Mr Wilson's
return I hope to be
ready to give him
any care he may need.

I'm sorry it doesn't
seem wise for me to
go to New York to meet
the Gresham but
I know you will take
care of the welcome.
Sincerely, W. F. Wilson

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November 22, 1943

Mrs. E. O. Wilson
Spanish House
Claremont, California

My dear Flo:

We had just written letters to your two sons Peter and Alan when your own letter to me arrived.

We shall be glad indeed to handle Sherm's mail and look out for him in other ways. We have made reservations for him at the Kings Crown Hotel, 420 West 116th Street. This belongs to Columbia University and is not as crowded as the downtown hotels where it is exceedingly difficult to make reservations in advance. I have written to Alan to say that I shall be glad to make reservations for him at the same place as soon as I know what day he expects to arrive. We are offering to pay a deposit on Sherm's room so that he will be sure to have it even if he is not here by December 2nd. We have assurance from the government that they expect to hasten the disembarkation of the passengers so that everyone will be off the ship by Saturday evening, December 4th. We are planning a reception for the Yenching repatriates on Friday afternoon, December 3rd, though we realize we are taking some chances.

Do not be alarmed about the telegram ~~we~~ received from Rio asking you to send to New York the history of Sherm's past illnesses. Dr. Vaughan sent letters to Rio telling our people about arrangements for health examinations and probably asking for their individual history. I do not think it means that Sherm is in ill health.

We are planning to send letters to each of our repatriates to meet them on the dock telling them just what arrangements have been made for their comfort and explaining what places will receive their telephone messages at different times of the day. The Foreign Missions Conference is opening their headquarters at the hotel Prince George so that there will be another source of information in case our messages should fail to reach their destination. I expect that everything will move along smoothly.

We regard it as a privilege to do anything we can for our repatriates so please do not hesitate to call upon us for any service we can render.

With very kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

HC:MM

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December 10, 1943

Mrs. E. O. Wilson
Spanish House
Claremont, California

Dear Flo:

We have been waiting till there could be a check-up of Sherm's physical condition before writing to you, and I am glad to say that the report is encouraging. When Sherm first arrived he seemed pretty well discouraged about his condition, because during the months of internment he had not been able to keep up the treatments he needed and so he had slipped back to the condition he was in around 1940. But on December 8th he was examined by a neurologist named Dr. France and when I saw Sherm that evening I could tell at once that he was feeling much encouraged, even without his saying anything about it himself. This morning Dr. France's report has been transmitted to this office through Dr. Vaughn, and it is to the effect that by resuming the treatments he formerly received as prescribed by Dr. Thompson of Pasadena, there is every reason to expect that Sherm will steadily improve and get back to the condition he was in when he last went to China. I have bought some medicine for him at Dr. France's prescription, so the treatments can start at once.

It was wonderful that Alan could come and be with his father. I need not tell you what a charming lad he is. It meant everything that he could be here during those first few days when his father was not in the mood to see people and therefore it was difficult for us to show him the affection we feel toward him, or to arrange any social events in which he could participate. It was therefore invaluable to have Alan here, to be constantly with his father. Alan decided that the trip which they had planned to Cambridge had better be cancelled, though it may be that with Sherm feeling more cheerful it might have been possible if Alan did not have to go back to Ithaca.

It has been hard to know what to do in the matter of reservations for Sherm, because at first he thought he might have to stay here for treatments but that is not now necessary. We have a tentative reservation for him as far as Chicago for Dec. 16th the day you suggested, but are not yet sure of a reservation for him beyond that point. We are working on the matter, however, and will let you know the result as soon as possible.

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I wish you could have been here to share in the excitement of meeting the Gripsholm repatriates. It was a memorable experience. Only the American Red Cross was allowed on the pier, so that we could not meet our friends till they arrived at their respective hotels, and there was no way of knowing when any particular individual would disembark. Some got ashore in the early afternoon, some in the evening and some not till the next morning. Sherm got to the hotel about midnight. I had been there a short time before and had told the night clerk to be on the lookout for him and to give him special attention. I think the hotel was proud to have a Gripsholm repatriate on its register. Sherm says he has found the Kings Crown Hotel a comfortable place.

Sherm showed me with pardonable pride the photos of yourself and Peter. It was good to see your smile once more. What a fine young man Peter is. I remember him as a very young boy.

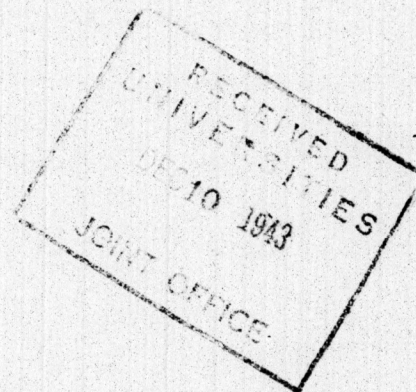
Please feel assured of our continued interest in Sherm and your family, and write to us freely whenever we can be of service.

With very kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

CHC:MM

Charles H. Corbett



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L.A.B.*

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December 15, 1943

MRS. E. O. WILSON
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ACCOUNT HOLIDAY RUSH SHERMS DEPARTURE DELAYED BUT HAS RESERVATION OUT OF
CHICAGO DECEMBER TWENTY SECOND. WILL WIRE PARTICULARS LATER. WE WILL DO
EVERYTHING FOR HIS COMFORT.

CHARLES H. CORBETT

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NIGHT LETTER

MRS. E. O. WILSON
SPANISH HOUSE
CLAREMONT CALIFORNIA

December 17, 1943

SHERM LEAVING TUESDAY NIGHT ARRIVING LOSANGELES ELEVEN THIRTY CHRISTMAS
MORNING UNION PACIFIC CHALLENGER IMPOSSIBLE SECURE RESERVATIONS SANTA FE

CHARLES H. CORBETT

0249

December 20, 1943

Mr. E. O. Wilson
Kings Crown Hotel
420 West 116th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Trustees of Yenching University met last Thursday with the re-constructed Advisory Committee from the Peking staff. At that time tentative agreements were reached regarding the handling of salaries and expenses over the past two years.

A six-months vacation was voted with pay - or longer if required - which would mean that the \$217.76 per month will be continued during that period--it being the understanding with those who are in condition to take another position that the salary would discontinue after three months vacation allowance.

In your case there must be a period of rest and thus for the time being the salary as stated above will continue. Of course, your case will require special restudy at a later date. In justice to the University, I should say that salary for the last two years has been paid on the furlough basis to Mrs. Wilson in America and has exceeded the amount credited to those on the field, but there is no thought of any adjustment on the past two years.

We have not received definite word from the Insurance Company relative to earned annuity, but this whole situation can be adjusted later on, either prior to or at the end of the six months.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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457 West 7th St.,
Claremont, Calif.
Dec. 28, 1943

Dear Mr. Evans,

I had an uneventful & pleasant trip from N.Y. - reaching Pomona on schedule time. The train was about two hours late into Chicago which still gave me two hours to catch the Union Pacific.

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Charles Corbett said that I should turn in an expense account for my stay in N.Y. & the incidental expenses of the trip. I am enclosing a statement which I trust will be clear to you.

I appreciate the kindly treatment and many courtesies I received from your office while in N.Y. & hope that I may have the pleasure of serving you in some way in the future.

You will understand the joy that I feel in being reunited with my wife - we thank God for his goodness to me. My best wishes to Chas. Corbett - I will write to him later, before he knows if there is anything that I can do for you here.

Sincerely,

E. O. Wilson

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