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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEKING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS:  
"YENTA"

October 19, 1927.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Leighton:

You will recall that the question of study in America for Mr. H.F. Woo was referred by the Grounds and Buildings committee to Mr. Chuan, Mr. Hildabrand and myself for further consideration. After consultation amongst ourselves and with Mr. Woo, we have drawn up an agreement a copy of which is inclosed. On the University side I think this should receive the approval of the Faculty Executive committee, which approval I will attempt to secure next Tuesday but in order to get the arrangement before you on the mail which leaves on the 21st, I am sending this draft before the Executive Committee has had time to approve it. Mr. Hildabrand says that on account of the condition of the construction work at this time he could quite easily arrange to let Mr. Woo go this winter. In this case if arrangements can be made for him to enter an engineering school for the spring semester we will save at least a half year of time and the date of Mr. Wu's return to the University service can thereby be moved forward a whole year. To that extent then the gap between the termination of Mr. Hildabrand's contract and the beginning of Mr. Wu's proposed service will be reduced to one year instead of two, and furthermore, Mr. Hildabrand seems favorable, at least at the present time, to a proposal to remain one year longer than his present contract calls for, and if that arrangement can be made, then the gap between the service of the two men will be entirely bridged. In this case my chief objection to the arrangement as first proposed is entirely met.

If you approve of this agreement as now drawn up then we ask you to communicate with the School of Engineering of the University of Illinois, which is Mr. Wu's first choice as the institution where he wishes to study, and find out whether they will admit students in the middle of the year

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or not. The data with regard to Mr. Woo's study and experience I am placing on a separate sheet to serve your convenience in communicating with the University of Illinois authorities. If the Engineering School of the University of Illinois will not admit Mr. Woo at the beginning of the year, then please take up in order Cornell and Wisconsin as second and third choice. As soon as you find that one of these institutions will admit Mr. Woo for the spring semester kindly send us a cable message to that effect. I suggest that for code word you simply send the name of the institution. For example if we receive a message with the name Illinois we will understand that the University of Illinois is willing to admit Mr. Woo for the spring semester. I should add further that Mr. Woo has applied to the schools in Shanghai for record of his scholastic work and his recommendations. These will no doubt be wanted by the institution where he is to study and these will be forwarded to you as soon as they come to hand, but we hope it will not be necessary for you to await their arrival before reporting to us whether Mr. Woo can begin his study in the spring or not. A cable is needed so that the necessary arrangements can be made both here and at Mr. Wu's home.

In a letter to Mr. Garside today I am discussing briefly the general political and military situation and so will not add anything further in this letter. We are quite peaceful and work is going on in a very satisfactory way.

Very cordially yours,

*Howard S. Galt*

ACADEMIC RECORD AND ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE OF Mr.

H.F. WOO OF SHANGHAI

(Now connected with Yenching University  
Peking)

1) Academic Studies; Shanghai Public Elementary School, 8 years.  
Shanghai High School, 4 years.  
Fudan University, Department of Engineering,  
4 years, graduating in 1925.

2) Practical Experience; Summer of 1924, student engineer with  
practice in surveying, aligning and  
narrow gauge railway track in the  
Hsuan Chen Mines.

Summer of 1925 to Dec. 1926, Construction  
engineer for the Pedersen Construction  
Company, Shanghai, in special charge of  
concrete construction for municipal  
sewage disposal plant.

December, ~~1926~~ to November 1927, Assistant  
construction engineer for the Construction  
Bureau of Yenching University. In this  
last position he has been responsible for  
preparing working drawings for reinforced  
concrete construction, and for supervision  
of the same, and for surveying and  
supervising the construction of roads and  
walks on the University campus.

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The further study and experience of Mr. Woo in America is  
to be undertaken with the cooperation of Yenching University which  
proposes to loan the funds for the study, and continue M r. Woo  
in its employ after his study in America is completed.

*Peking.*  
Yenching University,  
October 21, 1927.

This Agreement between Yenching University and Mr. H.F. Woo,  
88 Koong Kai Lane, West Gate, Shanghai. (上海西門內孔家街八十八號)  
Witnesseth: 吳敬之

- 1) That the University consents to Mr. Woo's temporarily resigning his connection with the University in order to gain study and experience in America. If satisfactory arrangements can be made for his entering an American institution for the spring semester of 1928, the University consents to his going before the end of 1927. If such arrangements cannot be made satisfactorily it is understood that Mr. Woo may proceed to America in the summer of 1928.
- 2) The period of study in America to be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  or 2 years at the discretion of Mr. Woo.
- 3) Mr. Woo will continue his studies in Civil Engineering at the same time giving such attention to Mechanical and Electrical Engineering as can be conveniently arranged in connection with the other course.
- 4) During the period of study, whether it be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  or 2 years, the University will loan to Mr. Woo funds at the rate of gold \$60 per month.
- 5) After this period of study is over, Mr. Woo will be responsible for his own expenses and will seek a position or positions in America where he may gain practical engineering experience along the lines of his study. The term of this practical experience shall be 2 or  $1\frac{1}{2}$  or 1 years so arranged that when combined with the period of study the term of absence from China will not exceed  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years, or in other words, Mr. Woo is to return to the University for work not later than July of 1931.
- 6) Upon his return to the University in 1931, Mr. Woo will resume a position in the Construction and Engineering service of the University at a salary of Mex. \$250 per month with house and medical service provided by the University.
- 7) After Mr. Woo resumes his service with the University it is understood that he may have the same opportunity for advancement from time to time in position or in remuneration as any other member of the University staff may enjoy.
- 8) Upon resuming his connection with the University upon the above terms, Mr. Woo agrees to repay to the University the amount loaned to him at a rate of not less than Mex. \$50 per month. The total sum to be repaid may be the sum borrowed in gold or it may be a corresponding sum in Mexican dollars at the rate of 2/1.

- 9) After Mr. Woo shall have resumed his service with the University, if for sufficient reason either party desires to terminate the arrangement a notice of three months shall be given the other party. If for any reason because of unforeseen circumstances Mr. Woo is unable to resume service with the University or if after resuming his service he should resign before the entire loan is repaid, the entire amount remaining unpaid becomes due and is to be repaid by Mr. Woo. As security for the remainder of this loan, Mr. Carl Hildebrand accepts responsibility and signs the present agreement in that sense.
- 10) It is agreed that Mr. Woo will himself be responsible for his travel expenses to and from America.

Mr. Woo

Yenching University  
Peking  
October 21, 1927.

Hugh L. Hays (U. S. Fair)

Carl Hildebrand

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FUH TAN UNIVERSITY  
KIANGWAN, CHINA

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Date.....October 24, 1927.....

Dear Sir:

This is to introduce to you Mr. Hua-Fuh Woo.  
(吳煥燊), a member of the ...1925..... class of  
the School of ...Science & Engineering... of Fuh  
Tan University, who wishes to be admitted to your  
institution in the next term.

Mr. Woo.... has been a student in our col-  
lege <sup>during</sup> since the years 1921-1925. During his stay he  
showed himself a faithful student, and conscien-  
tious in his studies; and he stands .above.. the  
average in his class.

As the Immigration Law requires your recog-  
nition before he is able to secure passport from  
the American Consulate here in Shanghai, we are  
enclosing herewith a transcript of his record in  
our college for your consideration.

Your early reply will be appreciated,

Very sincerely yours,

*J. H. Lee*

President.

Enc: A transcript of Mr. Woo's record.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON

COLLEGE OF MECHANICS AND ENGINEERING

December 12, 1927

Mr. J. Leighton Stuart,  
President, Yenching University,  
American Office, 150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

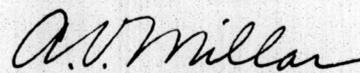
I have your letter of December 2, in which you ask about the admission to the University of Wisconsin of H. F. Woo, now connected with Yenching University, and also as to whether or not he could receive some form of scholarship.

In reply to your first question, I think we could admit Mr. Woo to junior standing in our University. The question of credits would have to be adjusted at the time of his admission when he presents his credentials from Futan University.

I am sorry to inform you that we do not have any scholarships open for such students. Practically all the scholarships at Wisconsin available for men are in the form of a scholarship remitting non-resident fee. These legislative scholarships, as we call them, simply exempt a student from the payment of the non-resident fee and do not include any cash payment. I am afraid that Mr. Woo would have to pay the non-resident fee at least for the first semester, if not for the first year. If his standings are satisfactory, he might after that time be granted one of these scholarships.

Hoping that Mr. Woo will find it convenient to enter the University, I am

Very truly yours,



A. V. Millar  
Assistant Dean,  
College of Engineering.

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C S SLIGHTER.

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December 16, 1927

Dean A.V. Millar  
College of Engineering  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of December 12th in regard to the possibilities of a scholarship for Mr. H.F. Woo. On December 13th we received the following telegram from Mr. C.S. Slichter of your university:

"Will reserve for Mr. Woo legislative scholarship which gives exemption from non resident fee. Must bring official records."

This was in answer to a telegram and letter from us requesting an immediate answer to our letter of December 2nd. On receipt of this telegram we cabled Mr. Woo to that effect and advised him to come immediately.

In your letter of December 12th you say that you are afraid that Mr. Woo would have to pay the non-resident fee at least for the first semester, if not the first year. There seems to be a slight discrepancy between the terms as set forth in the telegram and those in your letter and we are writing you in order that the matter may be more clearly defined. We should appreciate it if you would let us hear from you again.

Very truly yours,

Office Secretary

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON

COLLEGE OF MECHANICS AND ENGINEERING

December 24, 1927

Miss Louise McCoy, Office Secretary,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

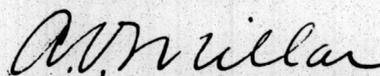
Dear Madam:

I have your letter of December 16 relative to the discrepancies between my letter of December 12 and the telegram from Dean C. S. Slichter of the Graduate School. I have not been able to see Dean Slichter personally, although I have been in touch with his office for the last few days. I shall be glad if Dean Slichter can reserve a legislative scholarship for Mr. Woo. These legislative scholarships are handled by two committees, one dealing with undergraduates and the other with graduates. A certain number of the scholarships are set aside for graduate students. The legislative scholarships set aside for graduates are awarded by a committee of which Dean Slichter is chairman. The policy of the committee handling legislative scholarships for undergraduates, of which committee I am a member, has been not to award such scholarships to students who have not made a record at Wisconsin. Apparently Dean Slichter's committee does not have this policy.

We shall do all we can for Mr. Woo so far as satisfactorily adjusting his credits. I feel sure that Dean Slichter will stand by his statement of reserving a legislative scholarship for him. This scholarship, however, must come from those set aside for the Graduate School.

Hoping that this arrangement is satisfactory and that Mr. Woo will enjoy his work at Wisconsin, I am

Very truly yours,



Assistant Dean, College of Engineering.

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PRESIDENT ARRIVED HERE TODAY LOST ALL MY MONEY IN SEATTLE HOTEL PERIOD NEED MONEY  
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WISCONSIN PERIOD GIVE ME YOUR ADDRESS PERIOD WILL WRITE YOU LATER

H. F. WOO

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February 1, 1928.

Dear Mr. Woo:

Your telegram has just arrived and our secretary is remitting the money as requested. I certainly regret the loss you have sustained and feel mortified that a Chinese guest to America should have had such an experience. This will make you realize that there are many bad people in America. I hope you will also find quite a few of the other kind and will enjoy your stay here. Be sure to let me hear from you. I shall be in the country for several weeks yet.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. H. F. Woo,  
312 North Mills Street,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

JLS:O

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703 State St.,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

Feb. 2, 1927.

Dear Dr. Stuart,

I should have written you yesterday, but as I was engaged whole day in seeking a place for my permanent lodging and boarding, I could hardly spare any of my time to write. I hope you will give me an excuse on that ground.

It is not until now that I realize that it is not an easy job for a Chinese student to come over to study here. He must pass different stages of trouble before he is admitted to the final goal. Had I not had the repeatedly helps which you have so kindly rendered me, I could never reach here. You and Mr. Hildebrand are the two very men I worship, and your spirit and generosity in helping others could never be rivalled. For all the services you have done to me, I cannot think of a right scale to esteem them other than they are in such an amount that I cannot never compensate for in any form of work that I can do to give to Yenching in future. I appreciate them highly.

You can remember, I think, that before I left Shanghai, I sent you a cable asking you to ask this university to send a cable to the Shanghai American Consul confirming that they have granted me the admittance. This was done on the ground that unless the council heard of the above from the university in question directly, he would not issue the Visa. Viewing backed up by your kind

pushing which I could see, the return cable came with such a sudden as to break my expectation. The visa was issued without difficulty later.

I left Shanghai on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. with a Japanese liner "S.S. Nagasaki" which went only as far as Kobe. The reason I took the Jap. ship was that, by so doing, I could save \$106.<sup>00</sup> Gold from what I would pay to other. From Kobe I took "S.S. Yokohama Maru" instead, the latter leaving Kobe on 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. and Yokohama, the last stop in Japan, on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. Having visited Japan for nearly two days, I discovered many things that are fundamentally different from those of Chinese. Among them that count most are good common education and neatness, which is sometimes a by-product of civilization, I think. I don't care much about their politeness expressed toward the foreigners, for many a times, I was informed that such is a mere outside expression. In Kobe, I visited a departmental store. The uppermost story of this store was rented to the government who used it for Aeroplane exhibition. The room was about hundred feet square, and for days and nights was crowded with people whose love for their country and for this new enterprise was well expressed on their face. Again I was moved to think how Chinese have been and are so careless of China. The idea of this exhibition, initiated after "Lindy's" success over Atlantic, was not only to show to the people the construction of Aeroplane, its engines and accessories, but to let them know of the facts that the government is training four flyers to the standard of Lindbergh in order to be the first ones to fly across

Pacific & that the government is raising \$750,000 for the new enterprise and to encourage the people, as citizens of their country, to do their part in contributing to her the said amount. Once you stepped into this room, you can see how they, lots of old women too, were crazy about it. After the visit, my thought went into whether the Chinese people will ever be severed from this continuous fighting and approach a state when and where every one of our citizen will be given a chance to express his love for the country joyfully. In Yokohama, I visited many places of engineering interest, my notice being called to the many new labor-saving devices used to a very small extent in China. I feel Yokohama is a nice place for engineers, where there are many places to gain experience.

We left Yokohama on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. Sea started to be rough as soon as we were out of sight. I remember once, the ship was in the storm of wind and rain and fog for three consecutive days. The ship rocked so severely that one could not stand up straight without holding the railing. Coming along with me, there was another Chinese who is in New York now, studying in Columbia, whose names for particular reasons, I don't like to tell you and I don't care to remember. We arrived at Seattle on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. I was not questioned much by the American Immigration offices as to my purpose of coming here. As soon as we get landed, I, with that Chinese student, went to Y.M.C.A. lodgings as a stop-over before we would come toward east. We both occupied one

room. On that very first night, I broke my purse, counted my money and found there was a net balance of \$230.<sup>00</sup> of out of which sum, I had to pay \$13.<sup>42</sup> for my tourist sleeper and food etc. So I took \$30.<sup>00</sup> out of sum, this amount being calculated to be sufficient to cover everything from Seattle to Madison, and put the rest \$200.<sup>00</sup> <sup>which was</sup> in an envelop in a big suitcase where my recommendation letters, not introduction letters, and my passport were, the whole things being in an <sup>big</sup> envelop which was put in a pocket just under the cover. After that clean-up, I had the said suitcase well locked, and belt-tightened. On the second morning, I broke my suitcase, I found my money was lost - stolen - whereas the passport & letters that were in companion with the money, in the big envelop remained unmoved. For five minutes following the discovery, I stood still and could not think of what was to be done next. Luckiest of all, I took just enough money to take me here.

The train that carried me here was Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul. Everything was nice to me on my way from Seattle to Madison. Nobody met me in the station, so I had to look out myself myself. The first night I spent in 312 North Mills street, but since the landlady refused to reduce her rent there, I later found this place - 703 State St. - where I spent my first night last night and where the rent is \$3.<sup>00</sup> per week. This house also boards students, the charge is <sup>being</sup> \$5.<sup>75</sup> per week which, being the lowest one can get around here, I am taking now. With these two big items occupying only a little over half of the allowance you

give me, I don't think there will be anything blocking my way of smooth running. To avoid any happening to the \$150 you wired me yesterday, I have deposited same in a bank though I will not be credited with interest.

I don't know this place well yet, so I cannot give you any description than that it is beautiful and quiet. The main town is about two miles from here. There is a big heating station in the size of ours in Peking to serve the heating of the campus building. There is a railroad track extended to said station to facilitate transportation of coal. We have an engineering building here, where I will have my classes. It is only two blocks away from here. Americans here are very kind to me - much more kind than I expected - and from my eyes, racial prejudice is a thing entirely unknown to them.

I visited the Assistant Dean of Engineering yesterday. We talked a little bit about the studies I am going to take here in a very friendly tone. But since he has not received my transcript from Jutan, which was mailed to you through Dr. Galt, <sup>(in November last)</sup> nothing has been decided upon. I sent you a wire yesterday about the same, and I think by the time this letter reaches your hand, the same will be in our hand too. Registration for new students has to be done on this Friday, otherwise a fine of \$3.00 will be made on late ones. So I hope the transcript comes here earlier than then. Classes begin next Monday. I think for this semester, I will take a few courses in Electrical Engineering, one in Heating and Plumbing and then a few in Structural and Railroad Engineering. I will try to take more courses than they generally permit to

graduate students.

I don't know what are you going to do to the money I have overdrawn. At the time I left Peking, I was given three months pay covering January, Feb. and March. So, in fact, I should <sup>not</sup> receive any money from you before April. Now I received another two and <sup>month</sup> half money from you, thus making a total of five and a half months. The latter amount, <sup>out</sup> of which I have to spend a big portion for books and stationery, will be too hard for me to cover expenses that are necessary in a period of four months and a half. I would not make any suggestion <sup>of my own</sup> to remedy this dilemma, but I am always ready to listen to yours which, I hope, will be, on the side, giving me no chance to draw more money than the contract calls for and, on the other hand, <sup>not</sup> letting me in an unfavorable state of not having ~~insufficient~~ money. When you <sup>will</sup> have reached a decision, will you please notify Dr. Luce of the same so that I will not be required to explain the conditions again, after you will have left this country?

May I hear from you what are the new projects that will be carried out this year in Yenching? When are you leaving for China to take up Presidency there again? I hope you will pick up and tell me a few facts like above to satisfy my longing for Yenching.

I don't know how many students here came from Yenching. If you have a copy of name list of the Yenching Alumni in Wisconsin, will you please mail me

one so that I can have the chance of getting in touch with them and tell them how is Genching culminating?

Last of all, I hope you will turn my best regards to all the Genching Alumni in Newyork.

Wishing everthing will be favorable to you on our way, expecting you will give me a few words concerning Genching, hoping you will not mind the roughness this letter was written with and thanking you for all the troubles you had for me and services you did to me,

I am, Dear Dr. Stuart,  
Yours faithfully,  
A. K. Wood

703 State St.,  
Mad., Wis.  
Feb. 4, 1928.

To Office Secretary,  
Yenching University,  
New York

My dear Madame,

I received your letter dated Feb. 1, yesterday, and saw my transcript which you mailed to the dean here. I thank you very much for same.

Money which I asked for, reached me on the very day you sent it. I call special appreciation for the immediate help you rendered me.

Will you please tell me where Dr. Stuart is now and how is his activity coming on if he is still in this country, or when did he go back to China, if he is away now?

If you have the name lists of Yenching <sup>students</sup> studying here, will you please send me one?

With thanks,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

H. H. Woo

February 6, 1928

My dear Mr. Woo:

I have your letter of February 4th, acknowledging the receipt of the transcript from Fu Tan and the money which Dr. Stuart sent to you.

Dr. Stuart is at present out of the city but will probably return sometime next week. You will probably hear from him soon. Before he left he asked that we send you the name of the secretary of the Yenching Alumni Association. It is as follows:

Mr. Pao Ching Lee, 159 LaBelle Avenue,  
Highland Park, Michigan

If you have not already written to him, Dr. Stuart suggests that you send him your address.

You undoubtedly have already met the other Yenching student now at Madison. However, if this is not the case, we give below his name and address:

Mr. Wm. H. L. Chu,  
1517 Randall Court, Madison, Wis.

We trust that you are now comfortably situated and that the future looks very promising. Dr. Stuart will be very glad to have you keep him informed, I am sure. He will remain in this country for a month or two longer.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

Mr. H. F. Woo  
703 State Street  
Madison, Wisconsin

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703 Stali Street,  
Madison, Wis.  
Feb 6, 1928.

My dear President Stuart,

Your favor dated Feb 1, was just brought to me by my friend residing in my former home where I just spent one night before I moved to here. So the letter has been staying there for a few days thus causing the delay.

Few days ago, I wrote you a letter telling you what I happened on my way toward here and asking you what will you do to the money I have overdrawn. With regards to the latter, I wish you soon will fix a definite step towards me and let me hear such.

I had few talks with Dean Turneure, a well known reinforced concrete engineer and author of a great variety of engineering books, and Prof. Van Hagan, adviser to graduate students and having shown them my past school works and my recommendations letters - my testimonials - regarding my past experience, obtained the permission of entering the graduate school without any obligation. We did not touch as far as to what courses <sup>I should take</sup>, but due to that I am now more interested in Electrical than civil subjects, they think I can

make the degrees of M.C.E. and B.E.E. within a period of two years without much difficulty, provided I followed my books with close heels all the time. They are very pleased with my past experience on which they are giving more emphasize than theoretical knowledge. I registered myself ~~on~~ last Friday. Due to that I am holding the Legislative Scholarship which you so kindly arranged for me, I paid only \$17.50, two dollars out of which are for library deposit.

I am sorry that my last letter to you was written so frankly and roughly. However I wish that you will realize and give me an excuse on the base that, at that time, I was just busily engaged in unpacking, fixing my new home and having different with the dean and other authorities.

Hoping that everything is fine to you and expecting that you will let me know something about Genching,

I am, Dear Dr. Stuart,  
Yours very faithfully,

H. H. Woo

February 14, 1928.

Dear Mr. Woo:

I have both of your letters and am glad to know that you are so comfortably located. It was good of you to write in such full detail about all the experiences you had on your long journey. I read of this with sympathetic interest and it made me wish that there could have been some way in which I might have helped you at different points of your journey.

I am busily working to raise money for completing our construction program, especially the new Lake Front Dormitories running east toward the swimming pool, and the women's gymnasium, as well as more residences for the faculty. There are many people who are friendly and interested but they are not able to give enough money to be of much help; others are afraid to give any money for anything in China because they fear the Communists or the Nationalists will destroy or confiscate such buildings. The people who have money are being appealed to for so very many causes, both in this country and to meet needs in other lands, that it is hard to get them to even listen to an appeal from us. All of this makes my work very slow and somewhat discouraging. I want to stay here, however, long enough to secure the sums needed if at all possible. We are having some encouragements and compared to other institutions in China we are doing quite well. When we get these buildings we shall be fairly well equipped to meet present needs. Needless to say, I am very anxious to get back to China and shall certainly be there before June. I shall try to keep you informed of my movements and if my travels bring me any where near Madison I shall try to see you. Meanwhile, be sure to write me from time to time. I am greatly interested in your welfare and have every confidence in your character and ability.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. H. F. Woo,  
703 State Street,  
Madison, Wisconsin

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President J. L. Stuart,  
Yenching University,  
New York City.

703 State Street  
Madison, Wis.  
Mar. 3, 1928

Dear Mr. Stuart,

I received your kind letter few weeks ago. From that, I learned a great deal about the progress of your work. I was certainly very much pleased with the frank narration you give me. In the past weeks, I have been seeking for a chance to tell you something fresh, but due to the pressing of the lessons, I couldn't afford to depart away from them even for a few minutes.

I am glad to tell you that things are falling in order with me now. I am having 18 classes every week, of which 8 are devoted to Electrical Eng. and the rest to Civil Eng. There are many well known professors here, among whom count Dean Turnaure, a prominent bridge engineer, teaching me advanced bridge design, Prof. Maurer, a mechanics specialist, Prof. Mead, best American water engineer, Prof. Bennett the electricity boss here etc. The lessons, though only an equivalent of 18 lecture hours are keeping me very busily, and in most nights, I have to work to mid-nite before I feel I am free from it. The lectures are only too interesting, and I can but admire in the methods they use, thro their long period of teaching experience, to explain different things so as to bring

them to a thorough understanding? On the other hand, most of the stuff they give are too much on the theoretical side, and too much departure from the practice makes me constantly to think whether they are entirely useful.

With the experience so far I have at here, I don't look good in these young American college boys. From my estimate, 90% smoke. Most of them spend more time in loafing around girls than they do in studying. While I see that social connections is absolutely necessary to a modern society, I think I am not wrong when I say that too much time spending in this way is not justified to college boys. Of course, I should not and did not to compare them with the Chinese boys whose responsibility toward their country are many times heavier.

I have attended two meetings - the Chinese Club and the International Club, at which I had a wider acquaintance with others. I could never forget meetings like these where people from all over the world join hands cheerfully, forgetting the unnecessary national prejudice.

I am thinking of working in this summer, and I see chances are not very against me. Out of the many proposals I made, one is seemed to be quite favorable to me - coming to New York to join and to do some designing work in Mr. Murphy's Yenching's architect office, who, I think, is an intimate friend of yours. As arrangement between me and him will never be as effective as <sup>between</sup> you and him, so I venture to ask you to have a talk with him, if it does not do you much trouble, and see if he will take me. I don't mind  
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whether the amount of pay he can afford to give, but provided it does do me some good. I don't know to what extent you know about my ability to work, and if this would be a subject to be dealt with during negotiation, I certainly will be very glad to supply you the whole detail. I am longing to come to the east in order to get a chance to view structures that are of engineering interest, and if I could be brought there by that means, surely no any other alternatives will be more perfect to me.

I wish that you will give me some fresh news about Yenching.

Is Mr. K. A. Lee still in New York. If you see him, will you please ask him to write me. I cannot write him because I don't know his address.

I will always write <sup>you</sup> if I have time. I hope everything will be favorable to you and nothing is barring your way in bringing good to Yenching and China.

Words have just been heard that there will be special arrangement between Yenching and Yale here about interchanging of students. Is that true?

With many thanks,

I am, Dear Dr. Stuart,

Yours very faithfully,

H. K. Woo

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13 March, 1928.

re: YENCHING UNIVERSITY.

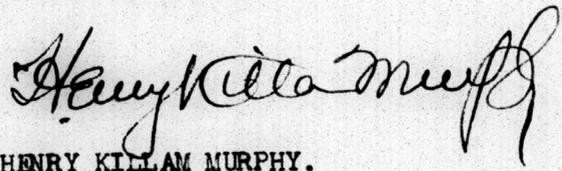
Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,  
President, Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Stuart:-

In accordance with request in your letter of 8 March, I am returning to you herewith original letter to you dated 3 March, from Mr. H. F. Woo, former Yenching student; together with copy of my letter, dated today, to Mr. Woo.

It has been my experience in interviewing a large number of Chinese students who were seeking positions, that most of them are more interested in the engineering side of the building business than in the architectural side. But the fact that Mr. Woo, in his letter speaks of coming to New York "to do some designing work" in my office, may indicate that he is particularly interested in the architectural side. In any case, it would be well for him to come to New York; going into an engineer's office rather than mine, if engineering is his main object.

Sincerely yours,

  
HENRY KILLAM MURPHY.

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c.c. - N. J. Leighton Stuart,  
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13 March, 1928.

re: YENCHING UNIVERSITY.

H. F. Woo, Esq.,  
703 State Street,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Woo:-

President Stuart of Yenching University has spoken to me about your desire to spend this summer in New York doing some work in architecture in my office; and has suggested that I write you direct.

I understand that you are now a student at the University of Wisconsin, where you are taking courses in various engineering subjects; principally civil engineering; and that you were formerly a member of the Yenching University Construction Bureau, as Outside Supervisor of Buildings.

I think you are right in your idea of the value of a summer in New York; where you will have the opportunity not only to study the great variety of actual buildings under construction, but you will at the same time be doing some regular work in an architect's office.

As Dr. Stuart has not told me just what experience you have already had in architecture; it is difficult for me to say in just what capacity you can be employed here this summer. I should be interested to have you send me samples of your work; including, if possible, perspective sketches or drawings of buildings, free-hand studies for designs, and blueprints of working drawings; at the same time giving me the details of your practical experience in connection with building operations in China, or here before you entered the University. After examining these, it may be that I can offer you employment this summer, at a modest salary, which would enable you to put in the summer here to great advantage to yourself.

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Very truly yours,  
*Henry Killam Murphy*  
HENRY KILLAM MURPHY.

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March 15, 1928.

My dear Mr. Woo:

Your letter came some days ago and I passed it on to Mr. Murphy who has sent me a copy of his reply to you. In another letter to me, he says he thinks that you ought to try to get a position in an engineer's office rather than in an architect's. I am writing to the consulting engineer who helped us on our power system to see if he has any suggestions; either he or I will write to you. I can think of no better way to help you get the sort of experience during next summer that you desire.

I was very glad to have the further details of your present life and hope that you will find physical conditions comfortable and that your mental and spiritual welfare will be continually helped by your stay at Madison.

I am still working away at our financial campaign. The enclosed pamphlet will let you see what we are trying to do. It is slow work but I hope that it may be possible to secure the full amount of \$400,000 which we are seeking before I return to China in April or early May.

With every good wish, I remain

Very sincerely yours

Mr. H. K. Woo  
703 State Street  
Madison, Wisconsin

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March 15, 1928.

Dear Mr. Place:

You may have heard that I am again in the country in connection with University business. I venture to turn to you for advice and possibly for assistance in the placing of a young man whose letter I enclose herewith. He did excellent work on our Construction Bureau and is in training in this country largely on our charges in the expectation that he will return and work in our Power plant or on other construction features. If you have any suggestions as to how he could employ his time to the best advantage and recommend him for a position that would give him practical experience and at least cover his expenses, it would be very much appreciated. Will you either write him direct or give me the information which would enable me to? I enclose also a copy of a letter which Mr. Murphy has written him. I agree with Mr. Murphy's comment in a covering letter to me that he would be much better employed in an engineer's office than in an architect's.

Very sincerely yours

Mr. Clyde R. Place  
Graybar Building  
420 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

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Letter from H K Woo, 703 State St. Madison, Wis.  
dated March 3, 1928, in re position in Mr. Murphy's office

Copy of a letter from Mr. Murphy to Mr. Woo dated March 13, 1928  
sent to Dr. Stuart by Mr. Murphy and sent to Mr. Place

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SANITARY

March 28th, 1928.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

RE: MR. H. F. WOO.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Since the receipt of your letter of March 15th, concerning Mr. Woo, I have been giving considerable thought as to just how I could write to him along the lines which you and Mr. Murphy contemplate.

His letter to you is very interesting and convinces me that he will prove to be a very capable young fellow.

As I view the matter at the present time, it will probably be advisable for him to come to New York when he finishes his schooling this Spring and take his chances. I do not hesitate to say that he can be placed in some sort of a position in connection with construction matters and a personal contact therefore, produces these results much better than correspondence.

Very truly yours,

Clyde R. Place

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March 29, 1928

My dear Mr. Woo:

During Dr. Stuart's absence from the city we are taking the liberty of writing you about a letter that has just come for him from the engineer of whom he wrote you.

Mr. Place, the engineer, writes that he is much interested in your plans and feels that it would probably be advisable for you to come to New York at the end of the spring term. He believes it will be quite possible for you to obtain a position of some sort in connection with construction matters and that a personal contact in such a case is much better than correspondence.

No doubt Dr. Stuart will be writing you shortly as to his thought on Mr. Place's suggestion, but we thought you might like to know how matters were progressing.

Very truly yours,

Office Secretary

Mr. H. F. Woo  
703 State Street  
Madison, Wisconsin

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April 12, 1928

Dear Mr. Woo:

On my return to New York I found your letter and have been much interested in your account of the trip you made to Chicago for inspection of various construction activities. I am sending this to Mr. Place as giving him a further knowledge of you and your experiences in this country. Mr. Place advises that on finishing your studies this session you come to New York where he feels quite confident you can be employed in some suitable way. He thinks it will be better for you to meet each other personally before determining the precise nature of your work. I agree in this and feel confident that Mr. Place will take a personal interest in you and will take care of you. You will, of course, come to our office and although I shall have returned to China by that time the others here will assist you in every necessary way. Mr. Place's name and address are Clyde R. Place, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

I am planning to start back for China about the middle of May returning via Europe and Siberia.

With continued good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours

Mr. H. F. Woo  
703 State Street  
Madison, Wisconsin

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612 W. Dayton St.,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

May 14, 1931.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,  
150 - 5th Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I am sorry that this letter is not written as soon as it should be. As you may have expected, I was exceptionally busy during the past month or ~~two~~, and as a consequence I have neglected almost all letter writings, important as some of them may be.

To start with, I want to tell you that I have finished my thesis and schoolwork two weeks ago. At present, I am waiting for my final examination which is to take place June 5. This exam being more or less of a red-tape nature, I expect it to offer me no ~~of~~ difficulties and I am looking forward to get my degree in the coming month.

There is a very important thing I want to tell you about and that is I am seriously considering ~~to~~ to go back to China sometime this summer. If you probably remember that I wrote you once about a half year ago, telling you that I will not be able to be back for service in Apu-cheng this summer. When I wrote you that letter, I had a prospective line up with a firm in the east. I had expected to join it following the finishing of the schoolwork here. Since then, things have changed almost entirely, and the havoc raised by the present depression has worked away my good and blasted to pieces my hope in that connection. I have one or two jobs in view but they

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are not so satisfactory from experience point of view, altho the monetary return from them will be very attractive. If I should decide to take it, I fear I would run into the danger of wasting my time which is far more valuable than the job itself, with an ambitious youth as I am.

I am away from Yenching for so long, and I have no least idea about the conditions there, <sup>now</sup> as they affect me. I do not know whether you ~~do~~ need me badly or not. If you <sup>do not</sup> need me badly, probably I will be staying here until next year, doing the best I can with what is given to me. If you ~~think~~ need me badly, the best thing for me to do is to leave here as early as possible circumstances permit after I receive my degree ~~and~~ which will mean July or August.

In connection with my early return, I have one proposition to make and that is the revision of my salary rate as agreed upon in the contract signed four years ago between me and Yenching. I am proposing it in a business way and I hope you will treat it in a like manner. I feel that that salary rate is a little out of date and low, considering the present <sup>governing</sup> circumstances and the fact, <sup>that</sup> out of the salary a certain percentage is to be taken out every month to repay what Yenching has subsidized me. If you have time, please give this a thought and write me immediately whether or not it is possible for us to reach a new agreement of some kind and the conditions under which the latter is to apply.

I was informed you are going back to China at the end of this month. If you are going via Pacific, will it be possible for you to ~~arrange~~ make an arrangement whereby

we can meet and have a talk together? I have several things I want to discuss with you, all of which are of extreme importance in connection with my future work in Yenching.

Madison has just gotten out of one week of rain and we are starting to enjoy the sunshine. Mr. and Mrs. Li are packing for leaving next week. Liu Che-min is also busy in work of a similar nature, for he is going back to China in July. All <sup>out</sup> of a sudden, the Yenching men in Madison will be decreased by more than 50%. This air of departure has seriously affected me and played no small part in causing me to ~~to~~ think of taking a like step.

I hope things are coming along nicely with you. For what you have done to Yenching and China, you certainly deserve lots of lucks, if not credit, for credit is not, as I understand, what you are after. I also hope that you are enjoying a sound health.

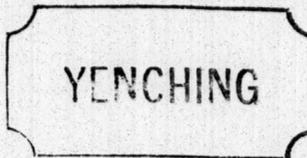
Hoping to hear from you soon,

I am,

yours very sincerely,

William H. F. Woo

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Dear Mr. Woo:

This is merely to confirm the handwritten note I sent you Saturday afternoon. If I do not see you in Detroit and you feel it to your best interests to come to Yenching this summer, we shall be glad to welcome you back and shall make the best arrangements we can in the budget as it has already been made up. I feel unable at this distance from the treasurer's office and in the rush of many pressing matters, as I leave the city today, to say more than this regarding an adjustment for the coming year.

On the other matter of a permanent salary basis, you may be sure that we do not intend to allow any contract made in past years to work an injustice to any member of our staff because of changed conditions. The precise revision would have to be taken up by one of our committees, and I am sure that you have enough confidence in our general policy to need no more assurance than this letter contains. Please let me know, by writing to China, as soon as your decision will have been made.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. William H.F. Woo  
612 W. Dayton Street  
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612 W. Dayton St.,  
Madison, Wisconsin,  
Dec. 15, 1931.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

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Dear Mr. Garside,

I have just received a letter from Dr. J. Leighton Stuart in which he asked me about my plan concerning my return to Yenching and said that he has been waiting for my word in that regard. He also said that in the case that a cable is necessary, I get in touch with you and request that you send the cable for me.

I think that since the case becomes more and more imminent, a cable is necessary. For this reason, I am writing you and asking you to transmit my message. I want to tell Dr. Stuart that I will be leaving this city as soon as the present school year closes and expect to be at Yenching before the end of August of 1932.

I am going to write a detailed letter to him setting forth the reasons why I did not write him the past several months. In this same letter, I will also discuss with him some of the important points in connection with my future service in Yenching. Since these do not appear to be important at present, I feel it quite unnecessary to let him know through the cable which you will send for me.

Thanking you very much for your kindness and hoping that you will be enjoying a most pleasant Christmas,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Wm. H. F. Woo*

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