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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

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COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

January 3, 1933.

Dear Dr. Gee:

The Faculty Executive Committee here has just taken an action to grant me the sabbatical leave during the year 1933-34. It is now up to me to find the ways and means in financing myself.

I have just written to Prof. Needham again asking him to have something arranged for me at Cornell. Enclosed I am sending you a copy of my letter to him. I am hoping to get \$1200.00 to \$1500.00 U.S. currency for the year and the minimum will be \$1000.00. I am therefore willing to accept anything for what I need. If necessary I am willing to give part of my time as an assistant and to spend a whole year at Cornell. If by the 15th of April I do not have advice from any source that \$1000.00 or more are available I may have to give up my plans and stay on in Yenching.

May I request you to look out for me for any possible opportunity elsewhere. As I have already said I am willing to accept anything for what I need. If for instance Cornell can only give me \$700 to \$800 for the year and if I can get another fellowship elsewhere that yields \$500 to \$600, I can still manage to come. I am therefore leaving things with you and Prof. Needham with the hope that something definite will turn up before April 15. I hope you will cable me at my expense as soon as something is available. Meanwhile I am making preliminary arrangements for pass-ports and steamer passages. If by April 15 my financial difficulties are solved I can easily wind things up in one and half months and sail from China in the first part of June.

My serving on the Fellowship Committee of the China Foundation prevents myself from applying for a fellowship and my Ph. D. degree prevents me from applying for a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship! Therefore I can see no hope for having anything arranged out here!

My tentative plan at present is to sail from Shanghai in June on one of the Empress boats either on second class or on Tourist Special if there is any. I shall plan to land at Seattle and proceed directly to Ithaca. If things should work out satisfactorily that I can actually come, I shall request you to help me out in two things at the other end:

- (1) Landing. As I am not planning to cross the Pacific on first class, I am wondering if there will be any difficulty in landing. Probably in the name of Yenching University

you can arrange through the emigration office at Seattle to pass me and my wife at the time of landing with the least amount of unpleasant experiences.

- (2) Emigration Security. I shall come with my wife on Section VI student pass-ports as self-supported students from China (not financed ~~by~~ any of the Foundations). According to the emigration regulations, self-supported students should each submit evidences for a minimum of \$500.00 (U.S. currency) deposit as security. In our case we must have a deposit of \$1000.00 U.S. currency. I am not sure if I am absolutely correct in this. I wish you will kindly write to the emigration office at Seattle and find out the exact details so that we may not be held up at the time of landing. Also I hope it is possible for the Yenching University Office at New York to act as our guarantor so that we do not have to have \$1000.00 cash deposit as our security. I hope you will kindly communicate with the Seattle Emigration Office especially regarding this point and let me know what the final arrangements will be. I also hope that the Yenching University Office at New York will kindly do everything it can in helping its staff members and family in landing which can be extremely difficult and unpleasant.

According to your advice, Mr. Sohtsu King and I will do everything we can to promote the establishment of an Entomological Institute from this end. I shall keep you informed with whatever progress we can make along this line.

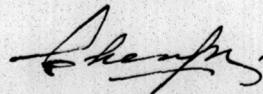
Our Science College News are now in print and will be ready for circulation by the end of the month. Dr. S. D. Wilson has recorded in his notes the sending of 100 copies of these news to you as soon as they are ready.

We are now planning to have a preliminary meeting at the end of this month for discussing the organization of an Entomological Society of China and we hope to have the organization completed next summer. I shall report to you from time to time the progress we will make.

Since Dr. Stuart is sailing for America early next month I am not taking time to send you this time some news of the campus. I shall remember to do so after he sails to keep you informed with things that are not covered in his conversation with you.

Hoping to hear from you soon and closing with our kindest regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,



Copy to Mr. Gee

January 3, 1933.

Dear Professor Needham:

I beg to inform you that definite action has just been taken by the University to grant me the sabbatical leave during the year 1933-34. I am now making plans to sail from China in the first part of June, expecting to reach Ithaca around the first of July.

May I request you to send me by return mail an official statement, admitting me to do graduate work in the Department of Entomology at Cornell University. Such a statement is required by the American Consulate here when I apply for my pass-port and I must first obtain my pass-port before I can book my steamer passage. Since there is very little time left, I am hoping to have the statement in my hands around the middle of March. If you feel that such an official statement should be issued by the Graduate School, please ask the Dean's office to send it to me as soon as possible. May I have the statement in triplicates.

In my letter dated October 26, 1932, I explained to you my financial situation. I am still hoping that you can obtain for me some kind of fellowship at Cornell. What I am hoping to get is \$1200.00 to \$1500.00 U.S. currency for the year. A fellowship below \$1000.00 will make it very difficult for me to carry out my plans.

If necessary I will be willing to accept a teaching fellowship, to spend one half or one quarter of my time as an assistant in the Entomology Laboratory and to spend a whole year at Cornell. I will have to modify my plans accordingly but without the sufficient amount of financial assistance I can not even hope to come. The exchange rates at present are about \$1.00 U.S. currency to \$5.00 Mex., and the amount I can put in myself will be very very little. I am therefore willing to accept anything for the most I can get in order that I can come and take my wife along.

I am hoping that you will be able to have something arranged for me before the end of March or by latest the 15th of April. May I request you to send me a cable at my expense just as soon as something is definite. Or you may wire the results to Dr. Gee in New York and ask him to cable me in Mission Code. If by the middle of April I do not hear from you I will understand that nothing is available at Cornell.

Thanking you in advance for all that you will do for me and closing with our kindest regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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January 9, 1933

Dear Dr. Wu:

I have been in communication with Doctors Needham, at Cornell, Conklin at Princeton, Parker at Harvard, and Guger at Wisconsin with a view to trying to find some available aid for you for study abroad next year. Not one of them had anything to offer outside of what we already knew and had tried. So this afternoon, I went down to the Rockefeller Foundation office to meet Dr. Weaver, Dr. Gregg and Dr. Mason, since I had never met any of them. I saw Dr. Carter first and told him all about the matter of my desire to get you over here for a year's study; he reacted splendidly. Then I saw Dr. Gregg and he also seemed to think it should be worked and he asked some questions and made some notes. Dr. Gregg came back very enthusiastic over China and is a real friend here to whom we can look, I think. I am going to keep in touch with him. Next, I went to Dr. Weaver and sold the idea to him entirely and he promised to write to Mr. Gunn about it, and to tell him that if he is willing to recommend it that they here will be glad to consider it; which means, I think, that it will be granted without a doubt, for there will be the support of all of the men I have seen this afternoon.

Now the next step is to put your plan over with Mr. Gunn and get him to send in your application at once. I mentioned a year and a half and the sum of \$4,000 to \$5,000. If you think differently, then talk it all out with Mr. Gunn and get his support and have the thing forwarded right away for consideration at an early date, so that you can get over by the fall. Push this right away and do not say much about what I have done here except that I have been interested and have been urging it for the last year or so and that you are sure I will support the plan if my help is wanted here.

My contacts with these three men were delightful and I believe that they will give more sympathetic consideration to things for China now that Dr. Gregg is back and very favorable. I am to spend some time talking over things with him when I get back and have a week in the office the first of February.

With all good wishes and the hope that this fellowship plan will go through now, and with kind regards to all of my friends there, I am,

Very sincerely,

Dr. C. F. Wu
Department of Biology
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Vice President

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CC: DR. J.L.S. at Peiping & a copy c/o Dr. Lobenstein
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January 10, 1933.

Dr. C. F. Wu
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Wu:

I have been writing and talking with quite a number of people about some possible arrangement for assistance toward your work for another year. I have communicated with Dr. Needham, Dr. G.H.Parker at Harvard, Dr. E.G.Conklin at Princeton, and Dr. M.F.Guyer at the University of Wisconsin. The replies are all uniformly sympathetic with your plans and desires for carrying on your work, but also, unfortunately, uniformly discouraging as far as any financial aid is concerned. American institutions are very badly hit at the present time and I do not think that there will be any possibility of securing aid from any of the universities at the present time further than simply free tuition, or possibly an Assistant's small stipend.

My very urgent advice to you is to take up with the China Foundation the matter of securing from them not only a fellowship but also a small sum toward the actual photographing and photostating and things which you feel that you must have in China in order to complete your studies. I think this is by far the most hopeful source of any aid under present conditions. I have never seen conditions in America as they are now and although people seem to be trying to boost their courage a bit, yet business conditions show very little definite progress in an upward trend.

I am very sorry indeed to have to write in this way but after several months of rather careful investigation of foundations and of possibilities in universities, I do not think that we can depend upon any assistance for you from those sources under present conditions.

I am still hoping to go down and talk with Dr. Weaver of the Rockefeller Foundation. He is out of town at present and I am away so much that it is hard for us to get together, but I would suggest that there in China you get in touch with Mr. Gunn and see what attitude he would take toward further aid from the Foundation for the continuation of your project. You might be able to secure a grant from his research funds with the understanding that you would be allowed to use them in your work in America. You might ask for a much more substantial grant than you have been securing in the past for this program.

Dr. C. P. Wu

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Jan. 10, 1933

With every good wish for the new year, and with the hope that it may bring a return of optimism and prosperity in all circles, and with warm personal regards to you, your family, and the other friends there, I am,

Very sincerely,

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H. Gist Gee.

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January 30, 1933.

Dr. J. G. Needham,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Needham:

I have just had a letter from Dr. Chenfu F. Wu, in which he enclosed copy of his letter of January 3rd to you. It looks very much as if Dr. Wu plans to come on to America even if he can receive only a small amount of aid.

I believe I wrote you that I had talked with Dr. Warren Weaver of the Rockefeller Foundation and that he indicated to me his willingness to consider a proposition from Mr. Gunn in Peking. I urged Dr. Wu to put in his application for such a fellowship and to push it as much as possible. It may be that he can secure some aid in this way. I hope, however, that you will see what can be done for him there so that if this aid fails he may have something to fall back upon at Cornell.

I hardly think it necessary to wire Dr. Wu unless it is required to delay a long time before the decision is made as to what is available for him at Cornell. Under present plans I am to leave here within about the next ten days for the West Coast and will not be back in New York until around the end of April.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

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N. Gist Gee,
Vice-President.

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C. F. Wu

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January 30, 1933.

Commissioner of Immigration,
Seattle,
Washington

Dear Sir:

I have just received word from Dr. Wu Chen-Fu (C. F. Wu), a former student of mine in China, and his wife, that they are expecting to come to America for study for one year, arriving in Seattle sometime around the first of July.

I have heard that very often the Chinese feel that they do not receive proper consideration when they do not travel first class. Dr. Wu and his wife are planning to travel second class or Tourist Special, and I am writing to ask that you will kindly see that they receive every consideration possible. Dr. Wu is an outstanding scientist in China and is a man of very scholarly attainments, and is very sensitive to ill treatment of any kind. I am sure you will kindly see that they receive every consideration.

I understand that when Chinese come to America as self-supporting students, they must submit evidence of a minimum of a certain sum of money for their support while in this country. Will you kindly let me know just how this may be arranged. Yenching University, American Office, 150 Fifth Ave., New York City, will be glad to stand as a guarantor for Dr. and Mrs. Wu in such a connection as this if it be necessary.

You may recall that I have written you concerning the Rockefeller Foundation fellows in the past when I was in charge of the fellowship work of that Foundation in China. I am sure that you will give to Yenching University students the same thoughtful consideration that you have given to the Rockefeller Foundation fellows.

Thanking you for your courtesies in the past and hoping that it will be possible for you to see that Dr. and Mrs. Wu are properly taken care of, I am,

Very sincerely,

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H. Gist Gee,
Vice-President.

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NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY
CORNELL UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
ITHACA, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY

January 31, 1933

Dr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

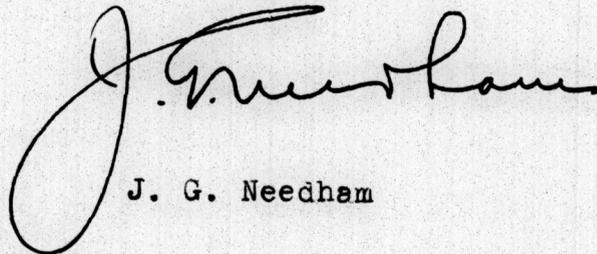
Dear Doctor Gee:

Herewith enclosed is a copy of a letter I have just written to Mr. Fels of Philadelphia. I also enclose a letter just received from Doctor Wu. I am trying to fulfill Wu's expectation that I will endeavor to get some kind of a grant in support of his work in America. Unfortunately there is nothing whatever at Cornell that I can offer him. This letter to Mr. Fels may seem to you like a random shot, but I have no other source of aid in sight. I believe I told you that I applied to the Guggenheim Foundation and they turned me down.

Now the time for action that can be consummated before Doctor Wu needs to know the result is limited. If you have any possible sources to whom you can apply, you are quite at liberty to use the statements of my letter to Mr. Fels to back up the application.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely,



J. G. Needham

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January 31, 1933

Mr. Samuel S. Fels
4305 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Fels:

There is a young man in Yenching University, North Peiping, China, who is nobly striving to help his country with the technical training he got in America and who now stands in need of aid. He is Dr. C. F. Wu, Head of the Department of Biology at Yenching. Since returning from his training in America he has served ten years there. He has built up a strong department. He sends well trained graduates from Yenching to America for further study every year. He heads the Marine Laboratory at Amoy in which all the universities of China cooperate. He edits the Peking Society of Natural History Bulletin, and his own pupils mainly fill its pages with their own investigations. He has undertaken (with the aid of specialists all over the world to whom he sends specimens for naming) to do for China that pioneer descriptive work on her animal forms that must be the basis of all further research.

This big undertaking is the immediate cause of his present need. Library facilities adequate for the work he wants done are lacking in China. Much that is needed is old and no longer purchasable even if money were available. Doctor Wu wants to spend a year (his sabbatic leave) in America and Europe gathering up descriptions of all Chinese animals. This would make possible work by Chinese students in their own country and on their own fauna.

Doctor Wu will be granted sabbatic leave with half pay; but in the present state of exchange that will amount to very little money. He is willing to spend his own money as far as it will go, but he hasn't much to spend. He will also need money to pay for photostatic copying, etc. It would take only about \$2500 to make possible the entire fulfillment of his plans: \$2000 would perhaps enable him to complete them himself.

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Mr. Samuel S. Fels--2

I make no apology for bringing this need to your attention uninvited. Here is an opportunity for promoting both international good-will and the progress of science in China. I know of no way in which a little money would do more permanent good.

Should you wish confirmation of my high opinion of Doctor Wu's good work and of the value of the service he proposes to render his fellow countrymen by this year of laboring abroad, Dr. Nathaniel G. Gee can give it to you. He has recently been made Vice-president of Yenching University and is now located at the American office of that institution, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. He knows Doctor Wu's work intimately.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. Needham

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Dr. C. F. Wu

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February 1, 1933.

Dr. J. G. Needham
Department of Entomology
Cornell University
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Needham:

Thank you for your letter of January 31st enclosing copy of your letter to Mr. Fels. I shall be very much interested to know the result of this letter to Mr. Fels when you have had a reply.

I wrote you a day or two ago telling you of my letter from Dr. Wu and my reply to him. I am very hopeful that something may come through the Rockefeller Foundation if nothing is secured from Mr. Fels. Dr. Wu is to take up the whole question with Mr. Gunn on the field and let us know Mr. Gunn's reaction. If Mr. Gunn proposes the fellowship for Dr. Wu, I believe we can put it over here through Dr. Weaver. When I talked with him recently he seemed quite favorable and said that they would be glad to consider such a request for Dr. Wu if it came through Mr. Gunn.

I have written for Dr. Wu to the Immigration officers at Seattle with a view to trying to get a better reception for him and his wife than is usually accorded to people who come second or special class.

Very sincerely,

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H. Gist Gee.

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NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY
CORNELL UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
ITHACA, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY

February 2, 1933

Professor N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

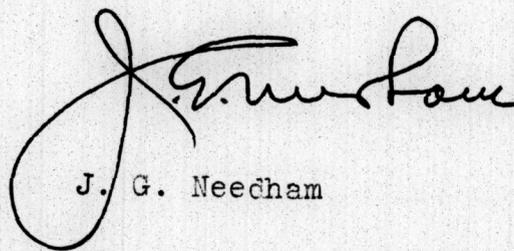
Dear Professor Gee:

Glad to get your letter of January 30. I am glad also to know that you have recommended Doctor Wu to put in an application with Doctor Weaver. You can use the letter that I sent you day before yesterday in support of such an application, or would it help, when we know that Doctor Wu is applying, if I should write directly to Doctor Weaver?

I hope you have a pleasant journey to the west coast.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



J. G. Needham

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February 3, 1933.

Dr. J. G. Needham
Department of Entomology
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Dear Dr. Needham:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 2nd. I believe it would be helpful if you were to write directly to Dr. Warren Weaver of the Rockefeller Foundation concerning Dr. Wu. The application for aid will have to come through Mr. Gunn in China and I have already informed Dr. Wu of this fact and hope that he will succeed in getting this in at an early date. A letter from you, however, would probably help to assure a favorable decision here if Dr. Wu's application comes in through Mr. Gunn.

I hope that you will soon receive a reply from Mr. Fels, and in case some assistance can be secured there and some from the Rockefeller Foundation, then Dr. Wu would be in a position to accomplish quite a great deal on his project.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely,

NGG.A

H. Gist Gee.

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Excerpt from letter from Samuel S. Fels, 2.4.33

"The matter is an interesting one, but I have so many other things on my hands at the present time that it has been necessary for the time being, not to add any new matters to the list. Therefore, I cannot be of assistance."

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COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

February 17, 1933.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I am very grateful to you for your kind letters dated January 9 and 10, and for your kind efforts in trying to arrange for some financial aid for me.

I saw Mr. Gunn on February 4 soon after he returned from the south. I presented to him my case and he reacted quite favorably. On February 8 he wrote as follows: "Thank you for your letter of February 6th enclosing a statement of your plans. I am doubtful if it will be possible to get New York to decide on a policy for post doctorate fellowships in time to be of assistance to you. However, if I have any encouraging information, I shall be glad to take the matter up with you." He has gone to Japan for two weeks and will be back in Shanghai around the first of March. I am hoping that Dr. Weaver has written him, expressing the willingness of the Foundation to consider my case if he will recommend me.

My plan at present is to wait until the end of April to see if something may turn up from the Rockefeller Foundation. If by that time nothing promising should turn up, I shall then see what I can get from the China Foundation here. If all that I can get from the China Foundation is nothing more than \$1000.00 U. S. currency, I shall go to Europe and spend a year in England, France and Germany. I shall then work on the catalogue only and do everything I can in the museums in London, Paris and Berlin.

I shall keep you informed with my moves and I still hope that I shall be able to come to America next fall. Closing with my kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,


Chenfu F. Wu.

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March 27, 1933.

Prof. J. G. Needham,
Department of Entomology,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Prof. Needham:

I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letters dated January 31 and February 9, enclosing a statement admitting me for post-doctorate study at Cornell during 1933-34 and a copy of your letter to Dr. Weaver. I am very grateful to you for your kindness in trying for a grant for me from various sources and in strongly recommending me to the Rockefeller Foundation in New York.

I have delayed in answering you for I have waited to hear more definitely from Mr. Gunn who has moved his office to Shanghai. I am glad to inform you that yesterday I received from Mr. Gunn a letter in which he said: "I am taking up with Mr. Weaver the question of the post-doctorate Fellowship..... it is possible that Mr. Weaver will not be willing to consider you on the basis of a post-doctorate Fellowship but might possibly be willing to consider you on the basis of a traveling professor. In cases where we have given grants for traveling professors we have made a lump sum appropriation rather than arranging for monthly stipends, etc., as we do in the case of Fellowships.I am asking him to cable me his decision,"

Judging by the statements which Mr. Gunn has made in his letter, he must have recommended me to Mr. Weaver at least for a lump sum appropriation. With the recommendations from you, Dr. Gee and Mr. Gunn I am very hopeful that the Rockefeller Foundation will make me the grant. It is very likely that Mr. Gunn will be able to have the cable reply from New York before the end of April. If the grant is made to me I shall sail from Shanghai before the middle of July and shall be in Ithaca sometime early in August. I shall report to you later the decision of the Foundation.

The work in Yenching is going on without any interruption and so far Peiping is peaceful and quiet. The work of the semester will close on June 20. Closing with our kindest regards to you, Mrs. Needham and your daughter, I am,

Faithfully yours,

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March 27, 1933.

Mr. Selskar M. Gunn,
Vice-President,
Rockefeller Foundation,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letters dated March 22nd and 23rd and I beg to answer your questions as follows:

1. During my sabbatical year from July 1, 1933 to June 30, 1934, I can receive a sabbatical salary from Yenching University by one of the two following arrangements:
 - (a) I can receive from Yenching University a total sum of U.S.\$2,160. for the year (i.e., U.S.\$180. per month) but under this arrangement I must not receive any other assistance that amounts to more than U.S.\$1,000. If I accept this alternative, I must set aside the sum of U.S.\$1,000. (provided the exchange rate remains at 4.5 : 1) for the maintenance of my family in China, the regular payment of the premium of my insurance policy, etc. With the remaining sum of U.S.\$1,160 even if I can get from the Foundation a grant of U.S.\$1,000. the total amount of U.S.\$2,160 will not cover my outfit expenses, my travel from China to America and Europe, my travel in Europe for visiting the museums in London, Paris, Berlin and Bruxelles, my return passage from Europe back to China, and my living expenses both in America and in Europe. I am, therefore, compelled to give up this alternative.
 - (b) I can receive from Yenching University my regular salary of \$360. local currency per month and this amount I must set aside for the maintenance of my family in China. Under this arrangement I am allowed to receive other assistance that amounts to more than U.S.\$1,000. I am, therefore applying to the Foundation for a post-doctorate Fellowship which will carry out my plans as submitted. If, however, the Foundation can only consider me on the basis of a traveling professor, may I express my hope of having a lump sum appropriation of at least U.S.\$3,000. which will cover my outfit expenses, my travel and my living expenses abroad with very little margin.
2. With regard to the question of the additional sum of U.S.\$1,500. for reproducing the original descriptions of the Chinese insects, I beg to say that all of this money is to be used for the cost of reproductions. If this

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Mr. S. M. Gunn.

March 27, 1933.

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extra amount is granted I shall plan to extend my sabbatical leave to two years, so that I may have one whole year in Cornell and one in Europe.

3. With regard to the academic work in the Department of Biology here, we have four ranking members on our staff: Dr. Alice M. Boring, Dr. J. C. Li, Mr. J. C. Liu and myself. We take turn in taking our leaves of absence and during the absence of any one of us, the rest will divide up the work in the Department with the assistance of instructors and assistants.
4. With regard to the carrying on of my work on the Chinese insects at Yenching during my absence, I beg to assure you that if the appropriation of \$1,200. local currency is made to me, the work will be faithfully carried on by one assistant who is a graduate of this department and a clerk. I beg also to state that since November 1, 1932 I have been advancing my own money in employing these persons for the work. I am, therefore, hoping that you will kindly make me the above-mentioned appropriation so that the work may be carried on to the end of this semester and be continued during my absence under my supervision by correspondence.

I hope I have succeeded in making clear all the points that were raised in your letters. I am most grateful to you for your deep interest in my work and I want to thank you for your kindness in writing to Mr. Weaver about my case and in asking him to cable you his reply. May I request you to let me have your advice as soon as you have the cable reply from New York.

Closing with my kindest regards, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Chenfu F. Wu.

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Changfu F. Wu.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

系學物生院學理
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

4/20/33 will arrive date.
Letter sent to Mr. Gunn. Mr. Carter does not know
anything of Fellowship yet. Dr. Weaver in Europe and
Mr. Mason in Washington, D.C.

5/16/33 Fellowship already granted &
R.F. has cabled to Mr. Gunn. This
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March 27, 1933.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I thank you for your kind letters dated January 30, February 2 and 14, enclosing your letter to the Commissioner of Immigration at Seattle and other documents. I am very grateful indeed to you and Dr. Needham for your kindness in presenting my case to the Rockefeller Foundation in New York. I am glad to report to you that Mr. Gunn is writing to Dr. Weaver, which means that he is recommending me at least for a lump sum appropriation.

Enclosed I am sending you a copy of my letter to Prof. Needham, quoting some of the statements in Mr. Gunn's letters. Mr. Gunn thinks that he can hardly present the case clearly by wiring Dr. Weaver but he is asking Dr. Weaver to cable back the final decision. I am figuring that Mr. Gunn's letter will reach Dr. Weaver at about the same time as this letter will reach you. I hope you will see if you would like to see Dr. Weaver upon receipt of this letter.

Enclosed I am also sending you a copy of my letter to Mr. Gunn. In this letter I answered a number of his questions in detail and I also stated the amount which I desire to get. You will please note that I requested the sum of U.S.\$3,000. to cover my outfit expenses, my travel in America and Europe and my living expenses abroad. In addition I asked for a grant of U.S.\$1,500. for reproducing the original descriptions of the Chinese insects. If I get both these items I shall extend my sabbatical leaves to eighteen months or two years. For the second year I can get about U.S.\$1,200. from the China Foundation to cover my living expenses.

If Dr. Weaver will cable his reply before the end of April, I will be notified by Mr. Gunn in the early part of May. I shall then be able to finally book my passage for sailing from Shanghai before the middle of July.

You will also note that I have not mentioned the fact that I shall take my wife along. The reasons are (1) if the lump sum appropriation is smaller than what I asked for, I shall not be able to finance her trip with me, and (2) her health is not in very good condition recently and I have to wait until May for another medical examination when we will have the doctor's advice as to whether she should go or not.

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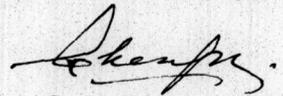
Since last December she has had two attacks of accelerated heart beats and after an X-ray examination Dr. Hall of P. U. M. C. diagnosed the trouble to be due to Mitro-stenosis or the contraction of the Mitral valve and the enlargement of the heart. The examination also revealed that she has had this since her childhood but the syptoms show up recently probably because of irritations and excitements. She is advised to refrain from all kinds of exertions and to take things easy. Her case is not especially alarming so it may not be impossible for her to make the trip provided financial stringency is not another factor that forbids her going.

Conditions in Peiping are still peaceful and quiet and our work goes on as usual. Mrs. Gee came to Yenching for a meeting in the Woman's College and had tea with us at Miss Boring's home this afternoon. She is closing up the house on the 31st of this month and will be staying with the Fortuyns until the end of April. When Claribel has her spring vacation Mrs. Gee will bring her out to Yenching and spend a week end with the Adolphi. Miss Boring and we are looking forward to the pleasure of sharing her time in Yenching.

Thirteen boxes of your books are now stored in our store room in the Biology Building. They are ready for shipment at any time when we are so advised. When I am away Miss Boring will be looking after them.

Closing with our kindest regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,


Chenfu F. Wu.

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

61 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

THE MEDICAL SCIENCES
ALAN GREGG, M.D., DIRECTOR
WILLIAM S. CARTER, M.D., ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

CABLE ADDRESS:
ROCKFOUND, NEW YORK

May 19, 1933.

Dear Mr. Gee:

Thank you very much for your letter of the seventeenth of May with which you sent Mr. Wu's letter of May 16th.

I wish also to thank you heartily for the paper weight which you so kindly left during my absence.

I have just returned after an absence of a week and wish to explain that I was unable for that reason to telephone you concerning the arrangement for Professor Wu's visit to this country as you had asked me to do. I learn on my return that you have been fully informed concerning the action taken by the Executive Committee on May 12th and also that this information has been cabled to Mr. Gunn in Shanghai.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. N. Gist Gee,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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May 25, 1933.

Dr. C. F. Wu
Department of Biology
Fenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Wu:

Your amateur radiogram, dated May 19th, has just come and I am delighted to note that you are sailing in July and will be here early in August. I am sure that both you and Mrs. Wu will enjoy the stay in America.

I am also writing to the Immigration Office in San Francisco concerning your arrival, though I dare say the Rockefeller Foundation is making every necessary arrangement. *(copy enclosed)*

I hope that the work at the University has not been too seriously upset by the Japanese invasion and that you are able to complete your term's work.

Mrs. Gee wrote me that you were kindly making arrangements to get my sponge reprints over by the Y.Y. Tsus. If all of them fail to come within their baggage allowance, I would appreciate your bringing what you can with you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee
Vice-President.

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學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

系學物生院學理
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

Soochow University,
Soochow, June 20, 1933.

My dear Dr. Gee:

I believe you must have received my radio message reporting that I had been given a Rockefeller Foundation grant and that Daisy and I will sail from Shanghai in July.

I want to thank you most heartily for your very kind recommendation without which the present arrangement could not have been possible. Mr. Gunn did not receive the cable reply from the New York office until the middle of May and when I received his telegraph on May 16, I found that I had very little time left to apply for our pass-ports, to book our passages, to wind up the work and theses in the Department at Yenching and to get packed. So for a whole month I had to work in every minute to get things in shape.

The Rockefeller Foundation has granted me a traveling professorship, amounting to a lump sum appropriation of US\$3000. The Yenching University has very kindly decided to pay me my full salary in local currency for the year, amounting to \$4320. I am therefore amply provided with funds to cover the expenses of my wife and myself.

I have already obtained our pass-ports from the American Consulate in Tientsin and I have booked our passages through the American Express Co. We are now to sail from Shanghai on July 11 as Tourist Class passengers on board S.S. President Jackson and are scheduled to arrive at Seattle on July 25. The Dollar Steamship Co. has substituted S. S. President Jackson for S.S. President Taft for this voyage.

May I request you to write again to the U. S. Commissioner of Immigration at Seattle, stating our financial conditions and asking them to pass us on presentation of our documents. Our names on the Pass-ports are Chenfu Francis Wu and Daisy Law Wu. We are now Tourist Class passengers on Board S.S. President Jackson arriving at Seattle on July 25. We also have our medical certificates signed by Dr. John Colbert, the medical doctor designated by the American Consulate in Tientsin. Besides my own Non-quota Section Six student certificate and my wife's Non-immigrant visa I also possess letters of identification from Dr. Galt of Yenching University and Mr. Gunn. I hope we will have no difficulty at the time of landing.

學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

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DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

We left Peiping on June 12 and after stopping over in Nanking we arrived here last Friday. We are leaving our daughter Lucia with Dr. Yin-chi Hsu and after spending next week with my mother at Hangchow we will return to Soochow for another week before we sail from Shanghai.

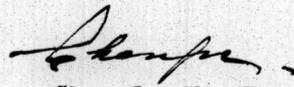
After landing at Seattle we will come east and stop over at the Yellow Stone Park, Chicago and Buffalo before we reach Ithaca. We will probably spend a week at Chicago to see the Exposition and to study the Chinese insects in the Field Museum. If convenient, will you please write to the Director of the Museum asking him to grant me the privilege of studying the Chinese insects in the Museum. Please send a copy of this letter to me in Seattle, care of the Dollar Steamship Company as passenger on board S.S. President Jackson.

After getting settled in Ithaca, we may come to New York in September ~~or~~ October when the weather is not too cold. In this trip we shall see the different places and at the same time I shall plan to study the collections of Chinese insects in the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Cambridge and in the U.S. National Museum at Washington. We are therefore looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you and Mrs. Gee again sometime in the fall. I shall wire you as soon as we land at Seattle and shall keep you constantly informed with our moves.

Dr. Hsu is to be married sometime next month to Miss Y. H. Huang, also a Yenching graduate. She is a very fine and pretty girl and we are sure that they will have a very happy home.

Closing with my heartiest thanks again and kindest regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,


Chenfu F. Wu.

July 14, 1933.

Dr. Chenfa Francis Wu
S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON
Arriving July 25, 1933
Seattle, Washington

Dear Dr. Wu:

I am enclosing with this copies of letters which I have written after receiving your letter of June 20th from Soochow. Your letter came this morning.

I hope very much that there will be no difficulty at all in your disembarkation and that you will have an easy trip across the continent and all the assistance that you need at the Field Museum. Dr. Laufer and Dr. Schmidt I know personally, and I am sure they will do what they can to help you out.

Just yesterday I wrote a note to you at Cornell, as Mrs. Gee thought that you had probably sailed the latter part of June. Mrs. Gee and Claribel arrived on the 10th of July and we are very busy now making our plans for another year. Things are uncertain for the present and we will not know our final plans until after our vacation in the South. We hope that we will be in New York when you come here, and that we may have the pleasure of seeing you at that time. It is likely that we will be at a hotel, so I am afraid that we are not going to have arrangements for the entertainment of guests in our home. We will let you know about this later, however.

With every good wish, I am.

Very sincerely,

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Encs.

H. Gist Gee,
Vice-President.

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July 14, 1933.

The Director
Field Museum of Natural History
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Dr. Chenfu Francis Wu, one of the outstanding entomologists of China, has been granted a fellowship by the Rockefeller Foundation to come to America to study our insect collections here. Dr. Wu already holds his Ph.D. from Cornell University, where he has worked with Dr. J. G. Needham.

I shall be very grateful for any courtesy which you may be able to extend to Dr. Wu in allowing him access to your collections and such assistance as he may need to devote a few days to studying the material which you have from China.

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee,
Vice-President.

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July 14, 1933.

Dr. Berthold Laufer
Field Museum of Natural History
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Laufer:

Dr. Chenfu Francis Wu is arriving in Seattle on July 25th and expects to stop off in Chicago to see a bit of the World Fair and to study the Chinese insects in the collection in the Field Museum.

I am sending a letter to the Director, and copy to Dr. Wu and yourself, but we would appreciate your speaking to the Director and also to Dr. Schmidt about Dr. Wu's coming. I am sure that you will all do everything possible to make his days in Chicago count for the most.

Thanking you very heartily for all of your kindnesses and your interest in Yenching University, I am,

Very sincerely,

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H. Gist Gee,
Vice-President.

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CABLE ADDRESS - MUSEUM, CHICAGO

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LAKE MICHIGAN
CHICAGO

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

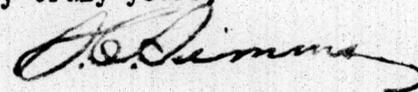
July 18th, 1933.

Mr. N. Gist Gee,
Vice-President
Yenching University,
Peiping, China.
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Gee:

In replying to your letter of July
14th, I wish to state that Field Museum will
be very glad to allow Dr. Chenfu Francis Wu
to study the insect collections from China which
are in the Institution.

Very truly yours,



Director

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American Mail Line

PRESIDENT LINERS

JAPAN-CHINA-PHILIPPINES
ROUND THE WORLD

Seattle, Washington,
July 24, 1953.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I am very happy to inform you that Daisy and I arrived here this noon after a very pleasant and restful voyage. We are now planning to take the Northern Pacific Line, stopping over at the Yellow Stone Park for about two days, at Chicago for about a week and at Buffalo for one or two days. We hope to arrive at Ithaca on about the 10th of August.

I shall write to you again after I have been to the Field Museum in Chicago. I shall then be able to tell how long it will take me to go through the Chinese insects in the collection there.

Closing with our kindest regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Chenfu F. Wu
Chenfu F. Wu.

*finally he goes to Cornell U.
cf. Dr. J. S. Needham*

*No ans. needed
7/26/53*

Note address,

Chenfu F. Wu

NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY
CORNELL UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
ITHACA, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY

241 Linden Avenue,
Ithaca, N. Y.,
Sept. 18, 1933.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I thank you for your post card, letter and price-lists of books which have been passed on to me through Prof. Needham's office. I have written you twice but evidently my letters have gone astray because I have reported to you in my previous letters my present address as follows: 241 Linden Avenue, Ithaca, N. Y.

We arrived here on August 7 and I immediately got started into my work on the catalogue on the 9th. Prof. Needham has been very kind in giving me a very large room in the Bailey Hall for my work and to place all the facilities of the Department and the University libraries at my disposal. I have been working six and half days a week from 8 to 12 A.M., 1:30 to 5:30 P.M. and again 7 to 11 P.M., taking Sunday afternoons and Sunday evenings off. During the last six weeks I have been able to cover five small orders and 22 families of Diptera, that is a little more than one-eighth of the total amount of work that I must do here at Cornell. It is now evident that I shall need about eight more months here.

At first I thought I would come to New York sometime during this month but I can see now that it will be a waste of my time to do so. It is wiser for me to cover as much as I can here and then visit the various museums for additions and insertions. I am therefore postponing my visit to New York until either the Christmas time or June 1934. The work that I am attempting is quite a big task and very time-consuming. I have to work hard in order to get the thing done. I am, however, very happy because I am now given the chance to do the one thing which I have wanted to accomplish. I shall report to you regularly the progress that I make and my plans later on for visiting the museums in America and Europe.

I understand that you will be leaving for the west again around the first of next month. May I request you to so arrange your itinerary that you can stop over in Ithaca for a couple of days. Prof. Needham will be very happy to have you here again. I hope you will take the trouble to stop over because it will give me an early chance to see you and talk over many things with you. Ithaca is lovely in the fall and it will be the best time to see it about two weeks from now. Kindly let me know if you can arrange it and let me know the date and time of your arrival.

Wu
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Dr. Gee.

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I have bought an old Chrysler for only \$90.00 and am still taking my lessons late in the afternoons. I am taking Prof. Crosby back and forth between the house and campus every day and I am hoping to pass the test for a driver's license by the end of this month.

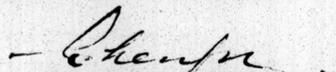
We moved into our apartment on the third floor of this house on Sept. 1 and have since started light house-keeping. Daisy is enjoying her household work and is doing well. Mr. C. C. Liu is sharing with us a room in our apartment and will be back from New York in about a week. The school opens here on the 26th inst. I am to be registered as an honorary fellow but I am not going to take any course work because I need my full time for the catalogue.

We had a letter from Lucia several days ago and are bappy to know that she is getting along very well at the Hsu's. She will be in the primary school of Laura Haygood this fall. I have also had a very nice letter from Dr. Stuart, anticipating my return to Yenching next September.

After having worked here for six weeks I know better now how much more time I shall have to spend at Cornell. It seems that if I should stay on here until I finish the library part of my program, I shall not be able to visit the American Museums much before the end of May next year. Then if I can get ~~the~~ Europe by the first of July, it will require several months for me to check through the Chinese insects in London, Paris, Berlin, Bruxelles and Wien. I really need six more months to complete the Museum part of my program. I have therefore written to Dr. Stuart asking if I may extend my leave of absence for six more months. If this is permitted I shall try to apply to the China Foundation next spring for a grant that will support me for six months, during which time I shall of course not be receiving any salary from Yenching. I am now waiting to hear from Dr. Stuart before I can know how to take my next step. I am therefore very anxious to have a chance to talk things over with you at an early date and to seek your advice on the subject.

Daisy joins me in sending you, Mrs. Gee and the Misses our kindest personal regards.

Faithfully yours,


Chenfu F. Wu.

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December 18, 1933

Dr. C. F. Wu
241 Linden Avenue
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wu:

It must have seemed very strange to you that we have delayed our final reply to your request so long. As explained in previous letters, we were waiting to have information from the Trustees for the budget of the College of Natural Sciences, and for some reason which we do not understand, that only came about a week ago. Meanwhile there have been constant conferences the outcome of which is being sent you in a radio message today. My personal attitude from the beginning has been that it would be desirable if possible, for you to carry out your own plans, both because of the value of the work you are doing, the satisfaction you would have on your return to Yenching, the readiness of J. C. Li to delay his own absence for a year in order that this might be possible, and the fact that it might even result in some slight saving in the budget for next year. I know that the Dean of the College and the other members of the department have all shared in these sentiments, and even now Dr. Li continues unwilling to take the step that we attempt to describe in the radio message, and which I am describing in this letter. The determinative factor as I see it, is the strain upon the two members of the department caused by the very heavy work that both are doing. We have asked Miss Boring to write you in detail as to this, and the fact that she is willing to do so is its conclusive evidence of the seriousness of the situation. For a person so fine-spirited and hard-working as she to feel so burdened by her present duties and to insist that J. C. is under as much of a strain as she is, forces the conviction that they must have relief, or one or both of them will suffer in health. It has been quite evident to me for several weeks that Miss Boring was showing signs of over work. There are symptoms of nervous strain which are quite apparent, and which she herself admits to be conscious of. The solution that C. C. Liu or some other person might afford next year do not seem to their minds to relieve the problem sufficiently. The details of this Miss Boring is doubtless explaining in her letter. The decision is, therefore, to present the facts frankly and sympathetically to you and leave the decision to you just as you have referred to us your decision, and have indicated your splendid spirit of readiness to do whatever seems best, so we in turn, after wanting to make your desires possible and trying to work out possible adjustments, feel reluctantly compelled to present the situation here to you in the same spirit.

If it will help you toward a decision, my

own judgment very reluctantly formed, after observing the personal aspects of the issue, especially during the last two or three weeks, is that you will do us a very great service if you agree to come back here for the next academic year.

Regretting more than I can express the necessity for writing thus, and with the hope that this will not prove too great a hardship to yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY

241 Linden Avenue,
Ithaca, N. Y.,
Jan. 12, 1934.

Dear Dr. Gee:

Your kind letters were all received and read with great pleasure. I am sure that you have had a good rest and very enjoyable Christmas at home.

I am indeed very sorry for it was impossible for you to come through Ithaca in December. May I request you to so arrange you itinerary next time that you can spend at least two whole days in Ithaca on your way west before the end of February. I wish I may have at least a whole day with you to talk over many things together and then I am sure that the Needhams will be very happy to have you for another day.

I am glad to report to you that I have made really good progress in my catalogue. I have completed the catalogue for 23 orders and there remain only three orders (Homoptera, Hemiptera and Lepidoptera) to be covered. I have been working 10 to 12 hours a day at it and I am hoping that I shall be able to finish up the library work here before the end of April. I shall then spend six to eight weeks in the four museums in Philadelphia, Cambridge, New York City and Washington. I think I will come to New York some time in May and if I know when you will be in New York, I shall so arrange my work that I shall come when you are there.

Dr. Stuart and Dr. Wilson have wired me and stated the extremely hard time of the University and the Department of Biology at Yenching. I have, therefore, decided to return next fall and have wired back that I shall return in September. My time is therefore still more shortened and I still hope to spend at least four weeks in the British Museum. I shall inform you later my definite plans.

I know very well that you can not enjoy your work especially at this time of economic depression and I certainly hope that you will consider returning to China above other even more attractive offers in America.

My pass-port was issued in May last year at Tientsin and when I landed at Seattle, the Commissioner of immigration told me that if I should want to stay over to the end of June 1934, I must apply for an extension and according to him it will not be difficult at all. May I know if the Yenching Office in New York can handle

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this for me as I do not expect to leave Ithaca until the latter part of April and I do not know as yet when I will go to Washington. If you think the Office can handle it, I shall be glad to send you the pass-port by mail. Please also find out if the office can obtain for me the Vise for England, France and Germany. I already have the British Vise but that also expires in May and requires renewal. I am afraid that I shall not be able to sail for Europe much before the end of June.

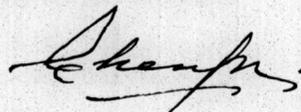
Mr. C. C. Liu has just passed the oral examination of his Ph.D. degree this morning. He was forced to take it six months earlier because Prof. Wright will be on sabbatical leave next semester. Mr. Liu will remain here next semester for his degree in June. He may come to work in the Museum in New York sometime next week.

Regarding Mr. C. C. Tan I do not see what can be done here. I understand that he is ^{also applying} for a China Foundation Fellowship and I hope that he can manage to come if it is awarded to him. His specialty is Genetics and I do not know the faculties of that Department here. Prof. Wright in Zoology does not think that there is any chance for him to have any aid in that Department. I have written Mr. Tan about it and urged him to work for the China Foundation fellowship.

I am sorry for I did not bring with me the lists of Invertebrates so I am unable to give Mr. Dyson any information on the Chinese Rotifers. I wonder if you have with you the reprints of your paper on Rotifers published in the Lingnan Science Journal. If you do not have it, I suggest that his friend write to Hoffmann in Lingnan for a copy of the reprint.

Hoping to hear from you soon about the date of your arrival in Ithaca and closing with our kindest regards to you, Mrs. Gee and all, I am,

Faithfully yours,



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January 15, 1934.

Dr. C. F. Wu ✓
241 Linden Avenue
Ithaca, New York

Dear Dr. Wu:

Your letter of January 12th has just come. I regret very much that we have not been able to get together, and it begins to look now as if we will not be able to see each other until probably in June just before you are sailing. My plans are beginning to take shape for my leaving New York between the middle and last of February and having to take a route that will not allow me to come by Ithaca. I shall look forward, however, to seeing you later on.

Dr. Needham was in town Saturday and I had the pleasure of having lunch with him and we chatted for a time together. He brings splendid reports of the progress of your work and also tells me that Mrs. Wu is enjoying her life in America very much indeed. I am very happy to hear this.

I know they will be glad to get you back to Peking for the fall session. I hope that this will not interfere too much with your plans for certain contacts in Europe.

I have just discussed with Mr. C. A. Evans, in our office here, the question of the extension of your time in America. Mr. Evans advises me that you will have to write directly to the Immigration Office, Washington, D.C. and apply for an extension over your own signature. As soon as you secure a reply from them, or even before, if you do not need your pass-port, if you will send the pass-port to Mr. C. A. Evans, Yenching University, 150 Fifth Avenue, he will be glad to look after your visas for you. Indicate in writing to him just what visas you wish and what type of visa.

Dr. Needham brings good reports concerning Mr. C.C.Liu. I am glad he has done so well. Mr. Hsu of Soochow wrote me that he had hoped that Mr. Liu might come to them there to take Dr. C. F. Wu's place.

With every good wish for the new year, and the hope that we may be able to see each other sometime soon, I am,

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee,
Vice-President

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241 Linden Avenue,
Ithaca, N. Y.,
March 13, 1934.

Dear Dr. Gee:

Thank you for kindly forwarding me the letter from the National City Bank in New York.

I presume that you are still in New York and have not yet started on your trip west. May I know if you are still contemplating the trip and may I know in what part of May and June do you expect to be in New York.

note given to Mrs. Ward 3/17/34
Since I expect to be travelling a little during the months of May and June, I have asked the people in Soochow and Peiping to send their letters in the care of your office. May I request you to leave words of instruction in your office to forward my mails. I shall keep your office informed with my whereabouts when I leave Ithaca.

I have only one more order to cover now but I am working on the Chinese Stoneflies with Dr. Claassen. There are 65 described species and we believe that our work will bring the total to 100. We plan to produce a monograph of this order for China and I am now giving my time to prepare a world catalogue of Plecoptera which will be completed in another week. How I wish I can have more time to do what I can!

I shall have only six or seven more weeks in Ithaca and I want to come to New York in May when you are in the city. I shall proceed to Philadelphia, Cambridge and Washington from New York City and shall return to Ithaca around June 20 to get finally packed for sailing from New York around the first of July.

Hoping to hear from you regarding your plans for travel so that I can arrange my trip to meet you in New York in May and closing with kindest regards from Daisy and myself to you, Mrs. Gee and the children,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

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March 17th, 1934

Dr C. F. Wu
241 Linden Avenue
Ithaca
New York.

Dear Dr Wu:-

My plans for my trip to the West Coast have been interrupted again and I doubt now if I make the trip before the fall. The Board of Trustees has asked that I stay here through the April meetings and it would then be too late to go out on that trip. I may make the trip. It is likely, however, that I may make a number of trips to nearer points for certain definite purposes.

Keep me informed as to the dates of your being in New York and I shall make it a point to be here while you are in the city.

It will give us pleasure to handle your mail for you. I shall ask that it come to my desk where I can see to it personally.

You are making fine progress on your insect work. Drop Mr S.M.Gunn at the Rockefeller Foundation a note about it some time and tell him how much you appreciate his getting this fellowship for you. This will make him feel good and will enable you to get some additional research assistance when you get back to China. You will need this and he can handle it for you.

Every good wish for you, Mrs Wu and the other friends there.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

Dr Davidson Black died of heart failure in Peiping at his desk a day or two ago.

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ITHACA, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY

241 Linden Avenue,
Ithaca, N. Y.,
April 13, 1934.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I am now working on Lepidoptera, the last order to be covered and I am definitely planning to come to New York on about May 9. I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you again by that time.

I have written to the American Express Co. on 551 Fifth Avenue, New York City, inquiring about the steamers sailing from Europe for Shanghai in August. I have just received a reply from Mr. F. Van Raden, Manager for Foreign Independent Travel. He quoted me Cabin Class ticket on SS. "CONTE VERDE" sailing from Venice on August 11 and arriving in Shanghai on September 4, at about £66- each ticket. I am wondering if what he calls Cabin Class is the same as TOURIST Class. We can not afford to travel first class and we like to know if there are TOURIST or SECOND Class fares on this or other steamers sailing about August 10 and costing less than £66-. I have written him about this point and I shall be very grateful to you if you will kindly find out for me more details regarding this particular point. The trouble with him is that he writes too briefly. What I like to know is (a) what steamers will sail from Venice, Genoa, Trieste, Bremen, Marseille or any other nearby port for Shanghai during the period of July 30 to August 10, (b) in each case I desire to have the date of sailing and the date of arrival at Shanghai, (c) which of these steamers has the least expensive Tourist or Second Class accommodations. If it will not cause you too much inconvenience, I hope you will find out more about these and let me have the information as soon as you can.

With our kindest regards.

Yours faithfully,

Chenfu
Chenfu F. Wu.

*P.S. we like to arrive in
Shanghai on about
Sept. 5, and certainly
not later than Sept. 8.*

Chenfu

*Miss Combs
Apr 5 87-57E*

April 14th, 1934

Dr Chenfu F. Wu,
241 Linden Avenue,
Ithaca,
N.Y.

Dear Dr Wu:-

Your letter the 13th has just come and I am at once writing to Thos. Cook and Son so that you may have information from two sources. You have written to the American Express already, I understand. You will see from the enclosed copy of my letter that I am asking them to write to you and also to sendme a copy of their letter so that we may have it at hand in case there is any further question as to arrangements after you get their letter.

Cabin class usually refers to the one class boats where there is no distinction as to the different parts of the boat. All passengers on the boat are of the same class. These boats, as a rule, are not the biggest ones but many of them are quite nice. You are familiar with Tourist class, this is really just another name for the cheaper rates than first class and are so named in order to make people feel a little better than second class. In reality they are the same.

If there is anything further that I can do, do not hesitate to call upon me for it will give me pleasure to do what I can.

I am wondering how much time you will have free here. Might we use you a little bit for some contacts with scientists in the city? This might take the form of personal visits or of a small luncheon. Let me know how such a thing might work out.

Where are you stopping while you are here? May I suggest the International House? If you wish to get a place there it should be taken up soon with them. I wish we had room to have you come in with us, but every bit of our small space is occupied and we have not a single bed to spare now. If you are at International House you will be close to us and we would hope to have you run in as often as possible. Mrs Gee and the girls will be very busy with school work but I am often free in the evenings.

With every good wish for you both and looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you soon, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY

241 Linden Avenue,
Ithaca, N. Y.,
May 3, 1934.

Dear Mrs. Gee:

I have received a letter from Dr. Gee saying that he may be in Philadelphia in the early part of next week. I am leaving Ithaca for Philadelphia on Sunday, May 6, and my address in Philadelphia during the week May 6 to May 12 will be 3250 Sansom Street, Phil. I hope very much to have a chance to see Dr. Gee while he is in that city and may I request you to inform him that from Monday to Saturday I shall be in the Academy of Natural Sciences from 9:00 A. M. to 5 P. M. and that he can get in touch with me by calling up Mr. Rehn of the Entomological Division in the Academy.

I also understand that Dr. Gee may not be back in New York during the week May 14 to 19. I am thinking of spending that week in Washington so that I can be in New York after May 19 when Dr. Gee may probably be back in New York. Kindly let me know if there should be further changes in his plans.

With our kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Chenfu F. Wu
Chenfu F. Wu.

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New York, July 10th, 1934.

Mr. Nathaniel Wist Gee,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

We tried to reach you by phone in connection with the order placed by Dr. C. F. Wu, but were informed that you were out of town, and would not be in the office for a few days.

We would appreciate your confirming in writing the conversation you had with our Mr. Zieler guaranteeing the order placed by Dr. Wu, so that we may have this guarantee in our file, which you know, is the usual business procedure.

We are releasing the order without delay, and trust that you will accommodate us with the guarantee as mentioned above.

Very truly yours,

E. LEITZ, Inc.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY

July 11, 1934.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Gee:

Daisy and I are very grateful to you for your kindness in letting us stay in your apartment these days and we only regret that you had to be away yourselves. We have had everything satisfactorily arranged and we are going aboard S.S. Deutschland which is scheduled to sail for Southampton at midnight. We expect to be in London by July 19 and in Paris during the last week of this month. We will then sail from Venice on August 11 on S.S. Conte Rosso expecting to arrive in Shanghai on September 4. While in Europe our address will be as follows: (1) Up to July 30: c/o Mr. W. E. Tisdale, Rockefeller Foundation, 20 Rue de La Baume, Paris (VIIIe), France. (2) Up to August 10: c/o Thomas Cook & Sons, Venice, Italy, (Passenger sailing August 11 on S.S. Conte Rosso).

I want also to thank you and Mr. Evans for securing for us our Pass-ports and visas and for the arrangement with the Leitz people for me to get the binocular for Mr. King. Mr. Zieler in their office here has sent the order on to Wetzlar instructing the shipment of the goods to Venice care of Thomas Cooks. Mr. Evans has given me the check for \$200.00 and has helped me to cash the check from Dr. Needham.

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The maid, Rose, came on Tuesday morning to do the cleaning-up work when Daisy was in the apartment so we did not leave the key out for her. The letter for Mrs. Atkinson was posted on Monday morning and Glassman & Son has delivered the table and collected the dollar you left for them. The table is now still in the hall-way just outside of the apartment because we forget to find out from you as to where it should be placed. Your mails are all together on the dining table and we are leaving the key to the apartment on the dresser in Dr. Gee's room. We are also leaving our photos on the dining table and we hope you will like them.

We hate to say good-bye but we are more anxious to see you again in China in the very near future. Closing with our heartiest thanks and kindest regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Shenfu.

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Wu
July 12th, 1934

Messrs. E. Leitz, Inc.,
60 East 10th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

In response to your letter of July 10, 1934, I wish to say that it gives me pleasure to underwrite the order placed by Dr. C. P. Wu for a microscope which is to be delivered to him in Venice, Italy.

My understanding is that Dr. Wu will remit to you shortly after his arrival in China this fall. He is an old student of mine and I am quite sure that he will carry out in full his obligations in connection with this instrument.

I wish to thank you for your courtesy in handling this matter for him.

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee

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Wu
July 12th, 1934

Dr. Chenfu P. Wu,
c/o Mr. W. E. Tisdale,
Rockefeller Foundation,
20 Rue de La Baume,
Paris (VIIIe), France.

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Wu:

I want to let you know how very much pleased Mrs. Gee and I have been in having you and Mrs. Wu with us in New York. Our only regret is that we were not able to be with you during the whole of your visit. Engagements keep one very busy in New York City and times and schedules have to be observed. I am sure you understand.

We mailed this morning the letter which you left for us to take care of and I have just written to E. Leitz & Co. guaranteeing the payment of the bill for the microscope. So all of these matters are clear and you may "rest your heart" on the subject. I have also spoken to Mr. Evans, thanking him for the various things which he has done for you, as you requested.

Let this bring to you and Mrs. Wu our very best wishes for a splendid voyage and a very happy return to China and Lucia. I am sure that the coming years will be richer and fuller in every way to both you and Mrs. Wu because of your visit here. Keep in touch with us and let us know how things move in China.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

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New York,

WZ/AS
JULY 16th, 1934

Mr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Gee:-

Re: Your letter of July 12th

We thank you for your kind letter of the above date regarding your under-writing of the order for Dr. Wu. In the meantime, the order was forwarded to the Leitz Works. Dr. Wu called again at our establishment and we gave him a letter of identification so that we believe you will have no difficulty in transacting the business as originally outlined.

Very truly yours,

E. LEITZ INC.

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