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c/o American Club,
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Dear Bates,

Thank you for your letter of February 11th confirming your message to Boynton, encouraging my book project, and signifying your willingness to agree to George Fitch's visit to America. In the latter connection I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have written to Hornbeck.

Yesterday I went over to Boynton's office and looked through his files of material from Nanking and elsewhere. There is so much on Nanking alone that I rather think of limiting the book to this subject and making it a kind of history under the title of "The Ordeal of Nanking" or something like that. *Care*

Subject to further study, I should like to publish the whole of the documents relating to the Nanking Safety Zone as a sort of appendix to the letters from Fitch, yourself and others. Do you think that it would be alright for me to do this or are there some of the documents which you feel it would be inadvisable to publish? If you can get more eye-witness stories they would be very useful for the first part of the book. It would assist me a great deal if you would give me a definite indication as to which of the documents, or what portions thereof, should be excluded.

I hope to arrange to provide Mrs. Bates with some stenographic assistance so as to facilitate the copying of material in Boynton's office and the collection of other material for general publicity purposes.

I am afraid I have not much in the way of general news to give you this time except perhaps the following excerpt from a letter which reached me yesterday from Wen Yuan-ning in Hongkong:

"A British intelligence man in Hongkong has just come back from Hankow, we had lunch together last Saturday. He tells me that the Central Government is still not cooperating with the 8th Route Army whole-heartedly. There is still a good deal of fear of the former Reds. For instance, although the Soviets have offered to give free of charge, eighty planes and some other equipment to the Red Army, the Central Government has refused the offer. And then also he tells me that the Soviet planes at Hankow are not doing much flying. But he says the spirit at Hankow is good, and although he thinks that in a military sense China is still very weak as compared with Japan, in other ways, financial and political, China is much stronger."

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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