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Dear Mr. Domoto,

I hope that you also had nine lives to keep you from perishing from curiosity about the Singers. It is only since last August--which isn't quite a year--but it is much longer than I wanted to pass before I answered your very interesting letter. I hope that the family has been able to come and be with you again, and likewise that there will be some way for this letter to be forwarded to you so that it won't be lost altogether. As to the turkey shelter, dog houses, etc.--we would like instead a little house built just outside New Haven Conn. by the first of July so that we can live there while we go to Yale to study Chinese Language. Yes, that means that after the war we will be going to China. Our Church issued a call for volunteers through an editorial in our Foreign Missionary and we felt that God wanted us to answer it, so we are leaving here June 1st and will study until our field in the Shantung Province opens after the coming of peace. May God grant that its coming may be soon.

I'm afraid that we don't have any latest snapshots of Judy, but I'm going to try to remember to enclose one that isn't too old. She has grown quite a bit. She weighs about 21 lbs. and is quite tall for her age.--16 months. She doesn't walk by herself but will run me all over the neighborhood--and house--holding on to one finger so that she can keep her balance and walk. She is beginning to say quite a few words, and make a lot of noise, it can't be dignified by the term talking yet, but she will soon be able to match her mother in that, I'm sure. And we certainly hope that on our way to New Haven--we may be keeping our Chevrolet for at least a few months and drive north--we will be able to stop and see you and your family for a few minutes. We'll settle the check then.

Quite a few things have happened here since I last wrote. Possibly you remember our Church Secretary--Miss Lingle--she was the older lady in our Luther League who was tall, large, and quite interested. She had been with our Church for 19 years, and was taken ill last August, but didn't give up until September, when it was too late, and she passed away in October last year. We miss her very much. She knew more about our

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Church and its membership and work than any other two of us, I believe. We have a new secretary now, but she will have a long way to go to replace Miss Lingle. We like the new secretary very much, and she is trying very hard, but it is impossible to learn in a few months what another person learned in a number of years. If Miss Lingle hadn't passed away, we might be in New Haven now studying. But her passing and our leaving would have handicapped the staff quite a bit, so the Board decided that we would be permitted to stay until this summer, especially since there is no promise as to when we can go to China.

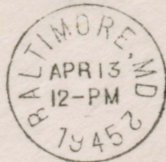
Rev. and Mrs. Empie are still hard at it in their parish. Dad Empie is aging a bit, since he is nearing 71, but he is still able to work rings around me, it seems. We all often think of you, and I certainly am ashamed of having taken so long to write you. I do hope that it reaches you, and since I have possibly sacrificed so many of your nine lives through my tardiness, I will try to be more prompt in my reply next time.

May God bless and guide us all to do His will for His love is greater than we are and has saved us eternally.

Sincerely yours,

Rodger Singer

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