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Dear Dr. Cameron:

Through correspondence with Dr. Lloyd S. Ruland of the Presbyterian Board in the U.S. I was advised to write to you to find out to what extent your Board is planning a missionary program for Formosa. I have always been thankful that the Presbyterian churches in Canada have sent many missionaries to my country. Due to their sacrifices the foundation of Christian work has been laid firmly throughout the island.

About two weeks ago I received a letter from the Rev. Iu Su-long, moderator of the South Formosa Church Synod, concerning the wish of the church leaders there to obtain help from the churches in America for education and relief. I am enclosing a copy of the letter from the Rev. Iu Su-long to you.

Because I am the only Formosan in this country the synod decided to appoint me to accomplish this task while I am still here but I would like to ask you about the future plans of your board for missionary work in Formosa. Also I would like to ask you to advise me how to begin this mission which was designated in the letter from the synod, either in Canada or in the U.S.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention briefly my past educational background. I was born and raised in a Christian family in Tainan City. I attended the Tainan Presbyterian Missionary School and was baptized by the late Dr. Barkley. I received my theological training at the Doshisha Theological School, Kyoto, Japan graduating in 1938. I then came to America in September of that year and attended the Divinity School of the University of Chicago until 1943, majoring in the New Testament field. I received the degrees of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity in 1940-41 but continued my studies until 1943. I was ordained by the Chicago Congregational Church Association in November 1942. I served two years as a minister in the Church of Christ for Japanese Christians in Chicago, using a chapel in the Fourth Presbyterian Church of which Dr. Harrison Ray Anderson is pastor.

From 1944 to the present I have worked with this government on special projects concerning Formosa. I am still employed by the government and working here in Washington, D.C.

I had prepared to return to Formosa after the end of the war at the earliest possible date to devote myself to church work but now I will stay until I have achieved the task set before me by the South Formosa Church Synod.

I hope you will be able to make some suggestions to me to carry out this work. Is there a possibility of combining Canadian and American Presbyterian efforts in Formosa and on this side? There will be a tremendous amount of work to do in that country and every kind of help will be welcomed, and needed.

I hope I may have the pleasure of meeting you at some future date before I return to Formosa. Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

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