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My dear Chiong-hui,

Thank you very much for your letter and the photograph of your dear son. We were very happy to receive this first snapshot of little David. He is certainly the picture of health and judging from his alert expression he must be very intelligent. What proud parents you must be!

It is always good to receive news from you concerning both your present situation and the plans of the missionary board in London for our island. I am glad to know that you are surrounded by the kindness and love of our former missionaries. Please send my best regards to our good Messrs. Band and Singleton and other missionaries I know.

I received a letter from my brother Ai Jin through the kindness of Lt. Com. Dowie in December. I learned with much thankfulness that my parents and relatives are all safe and well. However, my brother's hospital in Chheng-chui teng was partially destroyed by a bomb during one of the ~~hundred~~ raids.

About sending money to your sister and brother in Japan, I will be very glad to send the amount you want to send to Khe Beng who will be in Tokyo in about a month. Please inform me how much you wish to send. Before I left Tokyo I was told that U.S. ships would assist the Chinese government to transport our people in Tokyo back to Formosa within three months. Therefore I wonder whether your sister and brother would not have returned by the time Khe Beng reached Tokyo.

I will send your letter to your sister to my brother-in-law, Kenji, who is now with General Headquarters in Tokyo. He wrote to me the other day and mentioned that he met Khe-an in Tokyo.

Chiong-hui, I am not in the U.S. Army at all. I am a civilian employee of the Office Chief of Staff, War Dept. The reason who I gave up my ~~two~~/~~years~~/church work in Chicago after two years and accepted a government job was simply due to the fact that the Navy ~~Intelligence~~ Intelligence asked me to assist them to accomplish a special project (one year term) which mainly concerned our native land. After this assignment with the Navy in New York City a new assignment was given to me to work with the Office Chief of Staff of the War Dept. I have been serving as consultant and research analyst. My past two years work with the government has afforded me various new experiences. I have learned many new facts about our country through my research work with the government. Isn't it strange how we both have enhanced our knowledge of Formosa, by facts and language, by coming to a foreign country?

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Division, State Dept., one of the assistant Secretaries of State, and a few other officials in the State Dept concerning especially the possibility of establishing cultural ties between the U.S. and our native land in relationship with China. I have some very good information from them but I cannot make any notation of it until I have a talk with the director of the Chinese Division this coming Saturday. ~~I will give you the~~ I will tell you what I have learned in my next letter. I do not know how far I can convince them of the need for American help but I am sure that they will help us in the cultural and educational fields if our own government will accept this type of help from the U.S.

About ten days ago I started work here in Camp Ritchie, Maryland (a distance of about 70 miles from Washington, D.C.). There are about 8 persons who are working under my direction at the present. I am the only civilian who is working in this camp. ~~I feel rather conspicuous in my plain clothes.~~ However I am fortunate as I can stay in the Officers' Club and receive all the privileges to which an officer is entitled. I met Capt. Lindsay and Lt. Inglis, British officers, in this camp who were formerly your students. I have ~~to~~ stay here for about two months but I can go back to Washington, D.C. for weekends with my family.

At the present time I still do not know how to get to Formosa although I have explored every possibility as you have. I wrote a petition (8 pages, in Chinese!) to the Foreign Minister in Nanking regarding my return to Formosa as a Chinese. I was advised to take this step by the Chinese Embassy here.

The new Formosan governor, Chin I, and the members of his cabinet were mostly educated in the U.S.A. Dr. Chao, the Minister of Education, graduated from Columbia University and is considered a very able person who has held many important posts in the Chinese Home Education Ministry in past years. A Chinese friend, whom I met here, Dr. Fu, knows Gen. Chin I and Dr. Chao well.

I am enclosing a few snapshots of ourselves. ~~BiHua~~ BiHua is very cute at this stage and always tries to imitate what we do and say. She was just 20 months old a few days ago. I spend much of ^{my} time playing with her.

If you would like any sweets from here, or anything which would add to your comfort and pleasure, we would be very happy to send things to you. I have read that duty charges are very high and so thought I had better ask you first before we sent anything.

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