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My dear Chiong-hui,

You will find with this letter a letter and photo for you from your sister which was sent to me by my brother-in-law who is now stationed at General Headquarters, Tokyo. Kenji, my brother-in-law, told me that he visited Khe-An and your sister and had a "real Formosan style dinner" with them which he enjoyed very much. He said that they left for Formosa on the 19th of January.

A few weeks ago we were able to have Lt. Comdr. Dowie to our apartment for dinner and we had a long talk about present conditions in Formosa. Last Sunday, Lt. George (Jack) Kerr who just came back from Formosa about 10 days ago (after serving about 4 months as a naval attache) also came here and described the situation there. He is a very good friend and thus gave me a very candid picture of present conditions. First, that the people suffer not so much from lack of food (except for the poor quality rice) and clothing as from insufficient medicines, medical care, and no means to augment the supply in the foreseeable future. Malaria is prevalent.

Both Jack and Comdr. Dowie told me that our people are not very happy under the present set-up. I am afraid that under the tension of this transitional period some incident might occur which will bring great hardship and perhaps disaster to our people.

Chiong-hui, it is hard to give you the whole picture but briefly, it is not a satisfactory set-up. Our people are facing tremendous problems, such as the radical changes in the political, economic, and cultural structures. It will take months, or more probably, many years of struggle and hardship for our people to achieve their goal - freedom.

The Rev. Dickson came to Washington and he called me by phone as I was in Camp Ritchie. I was not able to meet him but my wife did and had a long talk with him about future plans. He is going to Formosa on a church visitation and his duty will be to make a survey and report on conditions there. He advised us not to go back "in any hurry" and at least to wait until he returned with a report from there. He also has plans for us both to visit the Canadian churches to revive the interest in Formosa by a personal approach. There is nothing I can do in the American churches however, because there is no mission board interested in Formosan missionary work. I am still trying my very best to find ways to raise funds and get supplies into Formosa as our people need it badly. I am still waiting for an answer from the State Dept. about the possibility of helping me to achieve my mission here.

I must thank you for your letter which I received last weekend, and I am very glad to know you are all well. I can see your point about your present work. Although my work here is in the nature of

research and I am acquiring knowledge of a sort I still do not care particularly for it. I, like you, would like to devote myself to church work.

Khe-Beng is leaving for Tokyo within a week. I instructed him to write to your brother in Kyoto first as he might have gone back to Formosa with the others. If he receives an answer from he will send \$60. to your brother from Tokyo. He will write to you from Tokyo concerning your brother.

Ever since the war ended it has been difficult to buy stockings of any sort, cotton, rayon, or nylon. Nearly all the shops have signs on the counter "no hosiery". We have yet to see a pair of post-war nylong. It was pure luck that when your letter came an old friend was visiting my wife for a few days who had bought two pairs of 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ rayons in Philadelphia. Her own size is 9 but the shortage being what it is she bought them in a dubious frame of mind, and let my ~~wife~~ have them to send to you. We will send them one at a time, washed to look used, along with a roll of 120 film and handkerchieves. Please let us know if you receive them. (See enclosed page from Time Magazine).

I have just received a note from Mr. Dickson who says "I am on my way to Formosa, leaving Toronto tomorrow (March 6). When I return I will get in touch with you again." When Mr. Dickson was here in Washington he told my wife he thought he would be away about two months, in order to make a complete survey of north and south. I cannot help wondering about and being impatient for the results of his trip in view of these first glimpses by Messrs. Dowie and Kerr. Well, we will have to wait.

A few weeks ago I sent about 17 bars of candy to you because a British officer here told me you would enjoy them and that there would not be duty charges on them. I hope you have received the package by this time.

We send best regards to you all.

Sincerely yours,