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Rev. and Mrs. Ai Chih Tsai
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Tsai:

Good news came in this morning about the plans for your going to Taiwan next fall and working with the Tainan Theological Seminary. As you know, your salary for the coming five years has been granted by the American Board. We were very glad to do this, but were not able to add to that amount the expense of your travel to and from Taiwan.

At the suggestion of Rev. Frank Cartwright of the Nanking Theological Seminary Foundation, I requested of that Foundation \$2,000 to cover the travel expenses. Knowing that they had already given capital funds and other support to Tainan Seminary, I hoped they would be able to do yet more. When the answer was a negative one, I was disappointed and concerned, not knowing where to turn.

However, this past winter Dr. James Wagner of the Evangelical and Reformed Board visited Tainan, and came away much impressed. His recommendation that some kind of participation be taken by their Board in the important program of the Seminary has resulted in a gift of \$1,000 to be used as partial payment toward your travel cost.

When I heard this, I once more approached the Nanking Foundation, which has now approved the additional \$1,000 needed for transportation for you and the children to Tainan.

Dr. Cartwright, executive secretary of the Foundation, investigated the cost of your trip out, and found it to be \$450 per adult fare. Since you will need four full fares, we expect that this \$2,000 will cover your booking by boat to Hong Kong, and thence to Taiwan, or perhaps it would be better to go to Japan and fly to Taiwan. Those arrangements I shall have to leave to you. I am glad there is a little extra, above the fare, to cover contingencies.

I send this word to you now, so that you may begin your preparations for leaving your church in Seattle, and going to Tainan. I trust that you will continue to feel that this is a great opportunity and a challenge for the years to come. I know that Dr. Huang will welcome you, as will all the other members of the faculty, and that once you reach there, you will find many ways in which you can strengthen the work of that fine Seminary. Therefore we will wish you all Godspeed,

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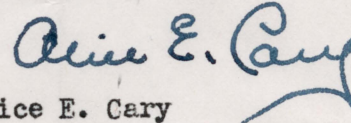
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and pray that you may have great satisfaction in the days to come.

I remember very well meeting you when I was in Seattle several years ago. You drove me to some one's home for lunch. Alas, I do not remember her name, but do remember the happy occasion. Little did I think, at that time, that once more, in this way, our paths would cross. It's good that they have, isn't it?

Now with my own personal wishes for you,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alice E. Cary". The signature is written in dark ink and has a fluid, connected style.

Alice E. Cary

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