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Mr. Aichi Sai
c/o St. Louis Country Club
Clayton, Missouri

My dear Aichi:

Thank you for your good letter just received, which is understood and deeply appreciated.

When you and I get together again in Chicago, I shall try to tell you more about a minister's investments. Ministers must not become so tied up in worldly affairs that they lose their spiritual and prophetic vision, but we have long since learned that it is all right for us to lay aside something for a rainy day and to provide security for our declining years.

I think if you are to marry into one of Formosa's prominent families, you will yourself become more familiar with business affairs. Practically all of the famous Bible characters such as Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Joseph, Saint Paul and the others were highly successful executives and business men. They handled large financial responsibilities and did it well. There is nothing against this if we do not sacrifice the more precious spiritual message.

If your parents and brothers recommend the marriage, then I would suggest that you receive their recommendation with an open mind, because I know that they would have only your best interests at heart, and I think it is better for you to observe the oriental customs than to try to adopt the

United States customs. If your prospective bride can come to America for her training, this is the most that we could expect. In this way her mind will be opened to those things that are of interest to you, and you will understand each other better for a life of happy fellowship and useful service in the future.

It may be that you ought not to put off your decision too long. Perhaps it would make them all very happy if you said "Yes" in the near future. I am sure that you could make no mistake as long as this plan has the endorsement of your family.

Without knowing the educational background of this young lady, it is difficult to make a recommendation to you about her future plans for school, and this would apply especially if she is not proficient in the English language. In any case, it might be best for her to come to a smaller college than the University of Chicago--a school such as the University of Dubuque at Dubuque, Iowa, Oberlin College in Ohio, Berea College in Kentucky, or another institution where she would feel the family life and personal interest. Then perhaps later, you could attend the same institution together for a year, and I think you would be ready after that to begin your new home and to live happily ever afterward.

I am sending a special letter about the finances.

Sincerely yours,

Uncle Robert

~~Business Manager~~

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P.S. Congratulations, dear boy, on receiving your renewed scholarship from the Divinity School. This indicates that you have made a good record and that you are worthy in every way.