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Dear Charlie,

It has been a long time since I have heard from you or you from me. We are still in Hofei with our nose to the grindstone. And we wish that Charlie Tung and wife were here to help us out. We are looking forward to your return, and expecting you to be with us your first year.

Now that the new currency reform has been put across here in China it is so much easier to keep track of finances. We hope that things can be kept in line and that this really will work.

We are making plans for increasing our hospital staff as possible. We have Oh so much more work than we can now do. We limit our inpatients by our 80 beds. We limit out Outpatients by 30 patients per day per doctor for regular registrations and 10 to 15 daily for special registration clinics. Others are signed up for one, two, or three days later. My clinic is always signed up days ahead. Of course we always take in emergencies over and above these.

The Hweinan Railroad has just been completed from Pengpu to Hofei. Regular schedules will be going by the Double Tenth. So now we are not isolated from the rest of the world. It will be possible to reach Nanking in one day, and Shanghai by the next morning. I have just made an agreement with the railway company to be their doctor. Our hospital will care for all of their sick and accidents in this area.

We have a new Chinese doctor in prospect. He is the brother-in-law of Dr. Liu Meng-Ju, who used to be with us. He is coming to us for Internal Medicine. Also we have a prospect of a young American missionary doctor, now with the US Army in Japan, but available to us in about 2 years. We also have prospects of a young American missionary nurse, who is also a lab. technician and Xray technician. She may be with us in another year and a half. Now when you and your wife can be with us we will have a nice rounded out staff and be able to give good service to this your own home town and people.

Recently a patient drowned himself in one of our wells. His friends (Hwaiyuan people) tried to get some money out of us. But the Hofei prominent people became angry at this uncalled for blame and no trouble resulted. On the contrary they raised two billion CNC for a celebration and a bane for the hospital. So we feel very good about this, to think the Hofei people really appreciate what we are trying to do for them.

May we hear from you and about you plans for your return to China.

Sincerely yours

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