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October 5, 1931

My dear Dr. Rock:-

Your letter, written in August and received by Dr. Vandevere some days ago, interested me very much indeed. As you know by this time, I have just returned from 14 months aborad and have come back to find the campaign to raise funds for your proposed expedition rather at a standstill. Dr. Vandevere has, I think, sent you a copy of a report which I made concerning the Rhododendron collection, to Mr. James B. Smith, and the other donors. In it, I affirm the keen desire of the Botany Department and the University to have carried out the proposals which you have made. The situation, however, is briefly as follows:

Financial conditions in this country, including the Pacific Coast, are extremely bad. Between four and five hundred banks have failed in the United States in the last year. Paper fortunes have been wiped out, and even families who for generations have obtained large incomes from invested funds find themselves at the present time in straitened conditions. This is not merely a reflection of what one reads and hears continually in this region today, but is true of individuals well known to me. The result is that in all communities strenuous campaigns are being made to secure funds for what amounts to nothing more than charity in aid of the middle classes. In our small city, there is a proposal to secure, in part under compulsion, the equivalent of at least one day's salary from every person at present employed. In addition, in San Francisco at the present moment, drives for funds to carry on the work of educational institutions, hospitals, charity organizations, etc., total almost two million dollars, and everyone in a position to campaign for these projects or to give money is deeply committed.

I only mention these matters to show you how difficult it is to organize a successful campaign to raise money for a project not in any way connected with the pressing problems of the moment in the United States. Two years ago, it would have beeb a matter of a few days only to secure from any one of a hundred different persons the sum required to finance your expedition over the three year period.

Nevertheless, we have received on all sides expressions of confidence and enthusiasm for what you propose to do. In particular, we recently presented before the convention of the California Association of Nurserymen a statement as to the Botanical Garden project at the University and the significance of your expedition for it. The Association was most enthusiastic, and formally and informally endorsed our proposals. Tentative pledges up to one-third of your estimated costs for the first year's exploration have, in addition, been secured by us.

It hass seemed wise to me to campaign for the $6000 you will need for the first year, plus $2000 for handling and care of the collections you send in. If we can secure this total of $8000 to start you off, I am convinced that the money necessary for the last two years will be forthcoming, because of the interest which the expedition will arouse and the publicity throughout the country which it will obtain, and because of the anticipated improvement within two years in the general

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financial situation.

You write that you must have a decision on this matter by the end of this month. I fully appreciate your situation and your patience in waiting so long to have some final word from us. I am putting on pressure, in the hope that we can send you an encouraging statement before November first. On the other hand, since so much is involved, both for you and for us, I hope that you will find it possible to give us a little more time before actually leaving China.

You should also know that the basis upon which we are soliciting contributions involves only pledges, to be paid on or before July 1 of next year, thus giving the prospective donors a little more opportunity to adjust their financial situation. The University, I think, will be glad to make certain advances of money, in case pledges for the total amount required are actually received. On the other hand, I do not feel that we can cable you that the entire amount has been deposited at any one time in any one place. I should, however, be glad to have your instructions as to the way in which this financial aspect should be handled. I should also say that of course we are hoping to find an "angel" who will provide the entire sum for the three years, and this is not, of course, out of the question.

I have felt it necessary to give you the whole picture of our situation, very frankly. May I assure you once more of my deep enthusiasm for the expeditions you propose? I believe that the opportunity to secure new and valuable species of interest both on the scientific and on the horticultural side is unique, and I can assure you that I am bending every effort towards the success of our campaign. May I further thank you for your great forbearance in so patiently awaiting news from us?

All your friends here join in sending you their best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

T. H. Goodspeed,
Professor of Botany and
Curator of the Botanical Gardens

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON

FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTION

Peking November 26/21.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed.

Your good letter of Oct. 5th just to hand. I can readily appreciate the difficulty you are encountering in trying to raise funds for an expedition in Western China at such a time as this. Yet of course conditions here must be taken into consideration when it comes to yeast paying an expedition, as this one has been many for two years, for I will be two years if funds will not be available until July next year. The reasons I have given ~~in the~~ in my last letter to Dr. Vaudevere will make it impossible to start the expedition next year even if you had the money available in May; unless I advance the money as I proposed. Under the circumstances I think it best for the present to abandon the expedition unless you would agree to the proposal I have made to Dr. Vaudevere in my last letter. I am not getting any younger, and accordingly

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As your letter he expedition could not get under way until 1933 for he reasons I have given and for his additional reason that in order to collect flowering material which later in the fall will enable us to collect seed intelligently, one must be in the field in the early part of April, some Rhododendrons begin to flower in January, and in order to be in the field promptly one must leave one's base like Kikiang by the end of November or December, for distances are great. For example Dr. Vandevere asked me to get him seed of Rhod. Forrestii, well it takes a month goin here & where that plant grows, and a month back, and one man cannot go and will not go for the roads are dangerous. It means tents, and food supplies for Rhod. Forrestii does not grow on the public highway. I would gladly have gotten the seeds for him but it is a small expedition and just for a seed or two spent, it would be waste of time and money. Furthermore political conditions do not remain the same from year to year. What was possible last year may not be possible again for a decade. For example — 1928 I went to the

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Kouka Lings. I would have been absolutely impossible
to go in 1929, 1930 and this year, and still
less feasable in the next few years. The only
person who made it possible for me to go there
next the Muli King was the bandit chief
Drashetsangpen who held that robber nest together
and controlled it. He died this summer
and all the bandits of Kouka Lings are at loose
this year the Lhasa Tibetan troops have occupied
parts of the province of Hoikang as Chiarong
and Nyarong, and the journey I had planned
to the sacred peak Nyatso Kawalori supposed
to be higher than Minya Kouka, and still
unexplored, had to be abandoned.
I hope you will also understand dear Dr.
Forrest that I could not contract my-
self to carry out plans for an expedition
for three years on 6000 Dollars when the
exchange in 1934 may be what it was
in 1919, one can never tell, the price of silver
may be going up rapidly and if I should
agree now to do the work in 1934 on that
specified amount, I most probably
would be considerably out of pocket hence
I asked that the amount for the three years

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became available now so as to get the benefit of the exchange. Since my writing Dr. Vandevere the price of silver has gone up 60 points in the 100 dollars gold, instead of getting 472 to the hundred one gets only 412 now and by 1934 it may be normal or at the price it sold in 1919 one can never tell. You can readily see why I cannot under those conditions agree to carry on the work on the amount specified now in 1934, unless that amount becomes available now so as to benefit by the exchange. Hence my proposal to Dr. Vandevere in my last letter.

My health has not been the best this year as I suffered 4 attacks of amoebic dysentery which left me rather in poor health. As long as I have been out in the wilds on the mountains I have never been ill, but this last summer's stay here in this village, where everyone is a carrier - plus the billions of flies, made me contract the disease, and I do not care to have to spend another summer here. Under those circumstances I think it best we abandon the project for the time being and if you should care and condition

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prove favorable and I shall have fully repaired my health, I shall leave this offer of mine open but only for one year although the exploration or for he must cost two years at 10000 Dollars a year all included.

If this meets with your approval you can wire me or write, as under the present circumstances 1932 will not come into consideration for the reasons given in my letter to Dr. Vandevere unless as I said I would advance the money.

Hoping that you will realize the difficulties I am laboring under and also hoping that you will not think that I am impatient or lack in forbearance, I remain,

always very sincerely yours,

Joseph F. Rock.

P.S.

Kindest regards to Dr. Vandevere, please tell him that I have secured seeds of Delphinium Likiangense for him also some others and I will send them to him shortly with my compliments.

J. F. R.

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Likiang, China
December 12, 1931

My dear Dr. Goodspeed:

I have just returned from a camping trip to the western slopes of this snow range where a tremendous gorge filled with forest extends to the very foot of the 20,000 ft. high peak Satseto. The gorge is filled with pines and oaks, the latter (Quercus semecarpifolia) resembling very much the California oaks. The undergrowth proved to be several species of Rhododendrons peculiar to the dryer regions and they would be well adapted to the canyon country of California. I have collected large quantities of one species which was very plentiful. It is a small species from 3 - 6 ft. tall and has blue flowers about 3/4 - 1 inch across; I found one species, a shrub 15 ft., which I have never seen anywhere else and I secured all the seed there was. I saw only two shrubs, the dry flowers which remained attached to the mature fruit seemed to have been red. High up in the gorge in spruce forest I found a very large Rhododendron, a tree 30 - 35 ft. tall of a very compact nature and forming a large broad pyramid. The leaves are very large, a deep dark green and silvery beneath. The flowers are red, so the natives who cut wood up there say. Unfortunately this year they did not flower, save one single tree which had a few fruits still adhering, and these I collected and I enclose the seed herein. I have never collected that species, it is new to me. The western slopes of this snow range have been very little explored and the deep gorges, difficult of access, never. This has been the first time I have been in them. I also found a Primula new to me. It was now flowering and consequently had no fruit. On all the plants I saw I found only three capsules and these I collected and I enclose herewith. This rare Primula of pale pink flowers grows on dry limestone cliffs and is a perennial with long woody stalks, of the type of Pr. Forestii, but the flowers are pale pink and the leaves much smaller. I am sure it has never been collected for no one collects Primulas in December, no one ever suspecting that here is a species which flowers in early December. I have collected seeds of a good many plants from that region and you could duplicate in your Strawberry Canyon a part of this forest with its undergrowth, etc. I will send you these seeds later. There is a lot of Rhododendron seed and the blue flowered species which enjoys dry sunny locations you could plant where Rhododendrons will not grow in Strawberry Canyon. I became quite enthusiastic and felt really sad that after all there will be no expedition after Rhododendron, for it is impossible for me to stay and wait until 1933.

It is rather late wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year for this letter will not reach you until the

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end of January or beginning of February. I will write to you again when the seeds will be ready for shipment. I am glad to present them to your garden. As most of the Rhododendrons are dwarfs give some to Dr. Vandevere.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Joseph F. Rock

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Cablegram

Berkeley, January 25, 1932

Dr. Rock
Lakang, China

October newspapers reported you seriously ill. Therefore fund campaign halted. Campaign now renewed. What will guaranty five thousand dollars accomplish this year Shipment specimens extra Not authorization Only inquiry

Goodspeed

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File Garden Rock

January 27, 1932

Dr. Joseph F. Rock

Likiang, China

Dear Dr. Rock:

I have had two letters from you recently and appreciate the situation in which you find yourself with reference to the proposed plant exploring expedition. I believe it is possible that if I had been actively in touch with the proposal and in California during 1930-31, we might have been able to start you off before this. The situation as it stands, however, is entirely unavoidable, as I feel sure you know.

I have now sent you a cablegram as follows: OCTOBER NEWSPAPERS REPORTED YOU SERIOUSLY ILL THEREFORE FUND CAMPAIGN HALTED CAMPAIGN NOW RENEWED WHAT WILL GUARANTEE FIVE THOUSAND ACCOMPLISH THIS YEAR SHIPMENT SPECIMENS EXTRA NOT AUTHORIZATION ONLY INQUIRY. I trust that this is self-explanatory but will make the following comments.

We have a prospect of some $3000.00 and are going on the basis that this sum is actually available. I believe that it might be possible, however discouraging certain people are, to get together an additional $2000.00. I also believe that we will be able, through one of the shipping companies in San Francisco, to arrange for the cost of water transport of specimens, and I am going on the assumption that the people concerned will also be willing to pay the cost of land transporting in China.

It seems to me that even a brief expedition which could be made with $5000.00 would undoubtedly be productive of herbarium specimens, and particularly seeds, which would be of the greatest value to us in the Botanical Garden, and presumably also to horticulture in general. I believe that this impression of mine is strikingly confirmed by the results of the expedition concerning which you have just written me. My idea, then, would be, if you feel willing to do so and if we can guarantee you $5000.00, that an expedition into some one favorable locality could be made in the assurance that materials of value would result. It would be a case of your doing

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just what was possible with the money you had available. Even though the season is late, and perhaps a good deal will not be available as contrasted with what you would have been able to get if you had started in December, still I have the feeling that important accessions will be obtained. Of course, I cannot now guarantee that we can even provide you with these $5000.00, and for this reason I specifically stated in my cablegram that I was merely making inquiry and was not giving you authorization to make a start.

We are all very much relieved to know that your illness has not left you in as serious a condition as was at first reported. You may know that the San Francisco newspapers carried a statement relayed from Honolulu that you had written to friends you were seriously ill and did not expect to live. You can imagine the effect upon our campaign for funds which was just getting actively under way. I at once cabled to the American consul in Yunnanfu, but through an error on the part of Western Union the money which the University had advanced to prepay a reply was not made available to Mr. Stevens. Therefore, I had to wait for a letter from him. As soon as I received it and learned that the report of your illness had been much exaggerated, I once more started in with the campaign where it had been abandoned. This, of course, did not particularly improve the situation. It is too bad that so many circumstances seem to conspire to make difficult, at least, your proposed project for which we all feel such a very great enthusiasm.

I was intensely interested in your last letter, and as I said above, it confirms my feeling that almost at your doorsteps are areas in which limited plant exploration will be highly profitable. Your description of the new Rhododendrons and of the amazing Primula which was flowering in December at an altitude of 8500 feet is so striking that I am going to turn it over to our publicity bureau for the making of a news item. The seed will be most acceptable and I cannot tell you how much I appreciate this striking evidence of your interest in what we are attempting to do.

Once more many thanks for your letters with their enclosures, and looking forward to your willingness to undertake a short expedition and our ability to raise the necessary money, and with all good wishes, I am

Yours cordially,

T. H. Goodspeed, Professor of Botany
and Curator of the Botanical Garden

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copy for Pres & Mr. Nichols

March 18, 1932

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
Likiang
Yunnan, China

My dear Dr. Rock:

Your cablegram was received a few days ago and I am making every effort to obtain the necessary funds, so that I can cable you a favorable reply. I believe, at the present moment, that there will be no difficulty in completing the campaign in short order. You will understand that I was unable to go forward in an attempt to raise the necessary money because your reply to my original cable was so long delayed. With the serious financial condition in this country, and particularly the situation in China, and the fact that previously you had not been in good health, ~~made~~ it very difficult for me to approach prospective contributors. Now that I have this specific proposal from you, I can proceed rapidly.

The contributions which are secured will be made payable to the Comptroller of the University of California, on the understanding that you are to conduct the expedition under the auspices of the University to secure for the University alone seeds and herbarium specimens of all new, interesting or valuable plant material. It is probable that a few of the contributors will make pledges contingent upon their receiving a fair representation of the seed you collect. In such cases the distribution will be made by us. The herbarium material will, of course, be collected with as many duplicate sheets as is possible in order that from our herbarium a distribution may be made to the great herbaria of the world.

The financial stipulations are, as I understand it, the following:

(1) That the sum of $5000 be assured for an expedition covering the collecting periods of a single year, the expedition to begin as soon as possible after your receipt of authorization to proceed.

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It is understood that your expedition will enter the region of the Salwin Mekong Divide and be extended to include such areas as you find most important in the carrying out of the general proposal; in other words, that apart from this general definition of the region to be explored, all matters of routine are left entirely to your discretion.

It is proposed that a maximum of $500 be provided for the transport of material collected from Likiang to rail head at Yunnanfu and train transport to a designated port. I am going on the assumption that it will be possible to arrange through the Dollar Line the water transport to San Francisco.

According to the original understanding, the $5000 placed at your disposal will cover all costs of the expedition, your services and exploring equipment to be contributed without cost, with the stipulation that you will be free to use the results of the expedition in preparing material for publication, such publication to be arranged entirely by you.

I believe that I have covered the important points which are involved in our joint proposal. In case I authorize you to proceed, time will not permit our receipt of a contract from you covering the matters stated above. It would be well, however, for you to cable your agreement to the formulation of the proposals to the expedition which are detailed above. The University will, I feel sure, accept such acknowledgment in lieu of a formal contract.

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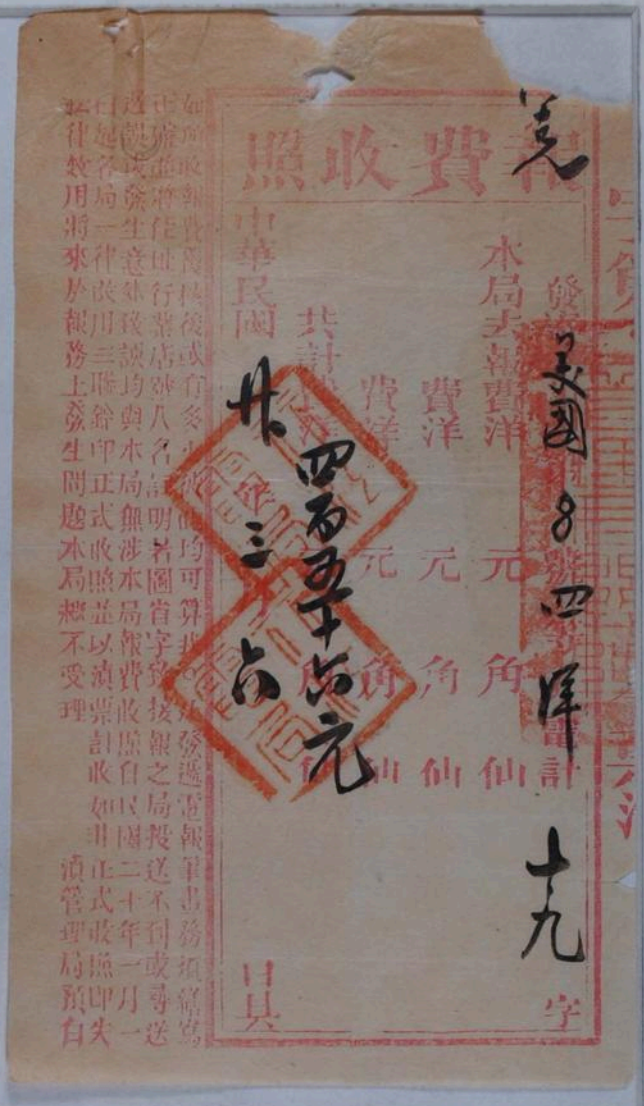
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Likiang Yunnan,
March 19/32.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed.

Your good letter conferencing your telegram reached me yesterday. The reason why I did not reply to your telegram was on account of my absence from Likiang for over two months. I had gone to Yungning seven days journey north from here to recuperate on my little island in the Yungning lake, I left here on December 14th and did not return until March 3d. when I found your wire. There is no postal or telegraphic communication with Yungning and one is entirely shut off from outside news etc. I did not know of the fighting etc between China and Japan until my return to Likiang. As soon as I had received your wire on my return I replied:

"This year exploration upper Salwin and Mekong possible wire immediately Likiang yes otherwise will return."

I have forgotten the exact wording but this is the gist of it. I can well appreciate the financial situation in America having had word from my friends at Harvard and Washington regarding the utter scarcity of money. The money must be there just the same but who has it, the banks? and yet I understand 2300 banks have closed their doors. As far as my health is concerned I am quite well now and ready to start on the Rhododendron work and I am almost persuaded to go ahead and take a chance. I can assure you it will be a great success

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I could probably send at least 20000 sheets of herbarium specimens & not more and same seeds of 500 species and varieties of Rhododendrons, plus untold numbers of Primulas and other interesting and valuable plants. It is really a pity for this to about the last opportunity. Forrest died on January 6th this year in Tengyueh, so there is no one left now but myself who knows this region thoroughly, Forrest himself never did any travelling to speak of. I am almost persuaded to send you a wire reading "Proceed with Exploration expecting reimbursement later". Of course I cannot afford to loose that much money but it seems a shame to let such an opportunity slip by and I am almost certain that you will be able to raise the necessary amount $5000. for this year. I can hardly do more than offer you my equipment, my knowledge, organization etc and my services free. Were I rich I would gladly put up the money but I am not rich and furthermore I am no more young and cannot take chances spending 5000 dollars and then find that I cannot be reimbursed. You can well realize this. Yet I am as I said on the verge of sending you a wire saying that I will go ahead and start on the Expedition. Why don't you write Prof. Sakes Annes of the Arnold Arboretum, he was willing at any time I would call back to contribute for specimens 1000 dollars, but of course I said 1000 dollars is not enough & did I could not undertake work for that small [illegible] willing to give you 2000

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Dollars if you give him a set of specimens.
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that, after I had explained to him how inade-
quate 1000 Dollars were ~~to~~ he realized that
this sum was pitiably small and how
much I would need to carry on botanical
exploration; I did not reply because even
with 2000 or 3000 Dollars, it is very difficult to do any
real satisfactory work owing to the great distances
and the high cost of ~~of~~ ruinetransport etc.
But I am quite sure he would assist you
in the financial end and would probably be
glad to give you 1000 or even 2000 Dollars if you
give him a set of specimens and seeds.
While in Yangming I collected some seeds of
Rhododendrons, also some ~~on~~ the western slopes of the
Likiang snow range and I take pleasure in
mailing to you by first class letter post, seeds
of 16 species and var. of Rhododendrons, and enclosed
in this letter seeds of the magnificent Delphinium
Likiangense a rare plant indeed; it grows only
at the foot of the glaciers at the head of the terrific
gorge Sabaloko on the eastern slopes of the Likiang
snow range, a good days journey from here on foot.
I had promised some seeds to Dr. Vandevere
and I would kindly ask you to give him some of the
seed or some plants after you have grown it.
Besides these there are seeds of 12 other species of plants
of horticultural and botanical interest.
I hope you will receive them safely and that
they will prove of interest to you.
I enclose receipt for telegram sent to you and
would appreciate it if you would reimburse

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me for the same and also for the postage on the seeds, the latter I am presenting began with my compliments. The telegram costs Yunnan paper $486.00, bank get a/c $91.20 which is the equivalent of U.S. $23.00 (Twenty three dollars Gold or U.S. currency). The post office and Telegraph office deal in paper or change in paper but as paper is only used in Yunnanfu, and silver only in the western part of the province payement is made in silver.

I have enough money in the Shanghai and Hongkong banks to carry on explorations for three years so if you find it possible to raise $5000 for this years work, I would be glad if you would deposit it with the American Security and Trust Co of Washington D.C. to my current account with that bank, and I will use my funds in Shanghai or Hongkong.

The exact address is

The American Security and Trust
Co. 15th street and Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington D.C.
account of Joseph F. Rock.

I would be obliged if you would send the money for the telegram and the postage on the seeds to my account with the above bank.

Hoping that you will succeed in raising the necessary funds to make this collecting of Rhododendrons etc possible, I remain,

always sincerely yours,

Joseph F. Rock.

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Likiang Yunnan
March 19, 1932

My dear Dr. Goodspeed:

Your good letter confirming your telegram reached me yesterday. The reason why I did not reply to your telegram was on account of my absence from Likiang for over two months. I had gone to Younguing, seven days journey north from here to recuperate on my little island in the Younguing lake. I left here on December 14th and did not return until March 3rd, when I found your wire. There is no postal or telegraphic communication with Younguing and one is entirely shut off from outside news, etc. I did not know of the fighting, etc. between China and Japan until my return to Likiang. As soon as I had received your wire on my return I replied: "This year exploration Upper Salwin and Mekong possible wire immediately Likiang yes otherwise will return." I have forgotten the exact wording but this is the gist of it. I can well appreciate the financial situation in America having had word from my friends at Harvard and Washington regarding the utter scarcity of money. The money must be there just the same but who has it, the banks? And yet I understand 2300 banks have closed their doors. As far as my health is concerned, I am quite well now and ready to start on the Rhododendron work and I am almost persuaded to go ahead and take a chance. I can assure you that it would be a great success. I could probably send at least 20,000 sheets of herbarium specimens, if not more, and seeds of some 500 species and varieties of Rhododendrons, plus untold numbers of Primulas and other interesting and valuable plants. It is really a pity, for this is about the last opportunity. Forrest died on January 6th this year in Tengyueh, so there is no one left now but myself who knows this region thoroughly. Forrest himself never did any traveling to speak of.

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I did not reply because even with $2000. or $3000. it is very difficult to do any real satisfactory work owing to the great distances and the high cost of mule transport, etc. But I am quite sure he would assist you in the financial end and would probably be glad to give you $1000. or even $2000. if you give him a set of specimens and seeds.

While in Younguing I collected some seeds of Rhododendrons, also some on the western slopes of the Likiang snow range, and I take pleasure in mailing to you by first class letter post seeds of 16 species and var. of Rhododendrons; and enclosed in this letter seeds of the magnificent Delphinium Likiangense, a rare plant indeed; it grows only at the foot of the glacier at the head of the terrific gorge Saboloko on the eastern slopes of the Likiang snow range, a good day's journey from here on foot. I had promised some seeds to Dr. Vandevere and I would kindly ask you to give him some of the seed or some plants after you have grown it. Besides these there are seeds of 12 other species of plants of horticultural and botanical interest. I hope you will receive them safely and that they will prove of interest to you.

I enclose receipt for telegram sent to you and I would appreciate it if you would reimburse me for the same, and also for the postage on the seeds, the latter I am presenting to you with my compliments. The telegram costs Yunnan paper $456.00. Don't get alarmed; this is Likiang silver $91.20 which is the equivalent of U.S. $23.00 (twenty-three dollars gold or U.S. currency). The post office and telegraph office deal in paper or charge in paper, but as paper is only used in Yunnanfu, and silver only in the western part of the province, payment is made in silver. I have enough money in the Shanghai and Hongkong banks to carry on explorations for three years, so if you find it possible to raise $5000. for this year's work, I would be glad if you would deposit it with the American Security and Trust Co. of Washington, D.C. to my current account with that bank, and I will use my account with Shanghai or Hongkong. The exact address is: The American Security and Trust Co., 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., account of Joseph F. Rock. I would be obliged if you would send the money for the telegram and the postage on the seeds to my account with the above bank.

Hoping that you will succeed in raising the necessary funds to make this collecting of Rhododendrons, etc. possible, I remain,

Always sincerely yours,

(signed) Joseph F. Rock

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FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTION

Likiang Yunnan
March 24/27.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed.
Today I have been sending you the following
Radio message:
"Decided proceed with Expedition
I have taken this step because I think it is too bad to pass up this opportunity of making the intensive collecting trip in the upper Salwin Mekong and the region around Muli and the north east of it. I am in the mean time advancing the money and I would suggest that you reimburse me piece-meal if possible. If you have 1000 dollars now to spare deposit it to my current account with the American Security and Trust Co of Washington and later a simi-lar amount, perhaps in a couple or three months and the rest if you like on receipt of the seeds and plants. I want to cooperate with you for I know this is the last opportunity and I want to do what I can to help you, the University and California.

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I Know you will be glad that I have taken that step and I also know that you will not fail to reimburse me, you will have in November or December to raise the money and as I said you need not pay the rest until you shall have received both seeds and plants, in the mean time we are going ahead full speed, if it is not too late for the cold up land plants do not begin to bloom until May. We shall collect flowering specimens of all the woody ornamental shrubs and trees including Conifers and all the ornamental herbaceous plants bulbs lilies etc. When seed time comes the seeds of all of these and fruiting specimens. I know you will be pleased with the collections and I will do my level best for this is the last opportunity, and I cannot remain here indefinitely. You will not hear from me again until late this fall, but this need not discourage you writing time as I may get letters sent by

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by a caravan or some traveller, I shall not be sure if I will be apprisable to write to you; in the meantime if you have one thousand dollars gold to spare I would appreciate it if you would send it, perhaps this is a better scheme, to my gold dollar account (in the shape of a New York draft) to the National City bank of New York, Shanghai to be deposited to my gold dollar account with them. I have sufficient (Mexican) = Chinese dollars on hand to carry on the work and it would be best not to change to gold into silver, owing to the higher price of silver prevailing now. So I am going ahead, and I hope to write to you this coming fall that all is O.K. and that we have plenty of seeds, plants etc. With best wishes and hoping that you will not fail me at your end,

I remain,
always sincerely yours,
Joseph Rock.

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Memorandum for Dr. Goodspeed.

Send New York Draft for U.S. $1000.00
to National City Bank of New York
Shanghai Branch, Kiukiang Road, Shanghai,
to be credited to the Gold Dollar account
of Joseph F. Rock. A similar amount
in say two or three months to the same in-
stitution also by U.S. New York Draft also
to be credited to my Gold Dollar account.
The rest if you like on receipt of the plants
and seeds, not to exceed U.S. 5000 Dollars.

Joseph F. Rock.

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Likiang, Yunnan
March 28, 1932

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

Today I have been sending you the following Radio message: "DECIDED PROCEED WITH EXPEDITION". I have taken this step because I, Rock, think it is too bad to pass up this opportunity of making this intensive collecting trip to the upper Salwin Mekong and the region around Muli and to the northeast of it. I am, in the meantime, advancing the money and I would suggest that you reimburse me piecemeal, if possible. If you have 1000 dollars now to spare to put it to my current account with the American Security and Trust Co. of Washington, and later a similar amount, perhaps in a couple or three months, and the rest if you like on receipt of the seeds and plants. I want to cooperate with you for I know this is the last opportunity and I want to do what I can to help you, the University and California. I know you will be glad that I have taken that step and I also know that you will not fail to reimburse me. You will have to November or December to raise the money and, as I said, you need not pay the rest until you shall have received both seeds and plants. In the meantime we are going ahead full speed; it is not too late for the cold upland plants do not begin to bloom until May. We shall collect flowering specimens of all the woody ornamental shrubs and trees, including Conifers and all the ornamental herbaceous plants, lilies, etc. When seed time comes the seeds of all of these and fruiting specimens. I know you will be pleased with the collections and I will do my level best for this is the last opportunity, and I cannot remain here indefinitely.

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So I am going ahead, and I hope to write to you this coming late fall that all is O.K. and that we have plenty of seeds, plants, etc. With best wishes and hoping that you will not fail me at your end, I remain

Always sincerely yours,

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(signed) Joseph F. Rock

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LETTER RECEIVED PREPARED SUBSCRIBE FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS PROPOSED ROCK EXPEDITION MACLAREN.

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Rock

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Likiang April 1st. 32.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed.

I am alarmed at your silence I have now sent you two cables but so far have received no reply to them either of encouragement or discouragement. Distances are too great and I cannot enter into correspondence & cable that is too costly an affair. I would have appreciated however had you cabled me just a word of encouragement but not a word has come from you. I have a wire from the American Consul saying he has five registered letters for me; am fearing that one may be from you, I have wired him to open same and wire me the salient points. I must say when your wire was received & me inquiring what 5000 dollars would accomplish, I felt that you were not trusting me fully. I have sufficient experience and I would

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not undertake any work I was not certain of bringing to a successful conclusion. One must be left entirely free hand and to much inquiry etc is apt to dampen one's ardour. However when your letter came explaining your wire it was clear that no distrust was intended. But I must say without the letter your wire could be read as distrusting one as to ability to make the best use of the money; hence my wire cable immediately yes otherwise return. When your letter came explaining the wire and the whole situation I reconsidered and thus took a chance and sent you a cable "decided proceed with expedition" hoping to get an immediate encouraging reply. A week has now past and not a word. I have engaged twenty men and they will proceed the following regions, viz with an experienced headman, to the headwaters of the Irrawaddy on the Chinese side, the Salween on the China Tibet border, and Lower down the Salween towards Lachi ming west of Mt.

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(2) another party of four to proceed west
to Weihsi and explore the snow range between
the Salween and Pien rua that is the
region below and east of Tork Herz in
Tibet. another party of four to explore
(3) the Kaakerpo range, the Peimaschan,
Mot'schan and the mountains of
Kang pu and Hung pu, all snow ranges
within the Mekong basin on the Tibet
- China side.
(4) a party of three to work in the Likiang
district and the mountains of Lanpung
Labaka, Lautchunshan and Sungkwi
and another party of three in the Muli
mountains and the unexplored Muti
Kotka a snow range east of the Yaling
and not on any map. All these parties
will remain in the field until August
and will return again later to collect the
seeds. The returns will prove indeed a
rich harvest and I hope you will be
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expressed in your wire. I will see to the overland transportation to Yarmouth, but from there on you will have to stand cost of transportation. The cost of sending the seed by letter post will be considerable but this is the only safe and quickest way. Please write me fully. I have come to liking to arrange the buying of grass paper 15 mule loads for drying the plants, to have over one thousand seed bags sewn, to buy boards for the making of the plant-presses, and for the boxes in which to ship the plants later, also white paper to pack the dried plants in, arrange for passports for the men who are going into the interior etc. There are many many things to attend to my entire equipment etc is at your disposal, my tents etc.

It is a last and unique opportunity never to come again.

My outlays are heavy ones and I would request that if possible you deposite three thousand dollars instead of the two thousand I asked you. The rest

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you can pay on receipt of the plants and seeds next winter. This indeed is a fair offer and I am giving you my services and equipment entirely free, more I cannot do.

With Kindest regards,

always sincerely yours,

Joseph F. Rock.

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Likiang, April 1, 1932

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Please write to me fully. I have come into Likiang to arrange the buying of grass paper 15 mule loads for drying the plants, to have over 1000 seed bags sewn, to buy boards for the making of the plant presses, and for the boxes in which to ship the plants later, also white paper to pack the dried plants in, arrange for passports for the men who are going into the interior, etc. There are many, many things to attend to. My entier equipment, etc., is at your disposal, my tents, etc.

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With kindest regards, always sincerely yours,

(Signed) Joseph F. Rock

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ROCKS'S LETTER, APRIL 1st 1932

Irrawady on the Chinese side, valuable if the men are able to do it thoroughly. Unfortunately the natives are really ferocious and I gather that the best bits, in the country of the Black Lissus, are untouched botanically.

Salween on the China-tibetan border, good if north of Menkong about 1st. 28.50

ditto lower down I think Forrest did this.

west of Weihsi between Salween and Lupimaw (Pienma) It is not perpetual snow. Farrer and I did a lot of this, and the plants are not very hardy. Both Ward and Forrest have also done this part of the country. By the way, Putoa- Fort Hertz. I should not bother much about plants from this area, and doubt if there is much new to find.

Peimashan , If I remember rightly, all these hills are part and parcel of the same range lying between the Mekong and the Salween. Most excellent plants from here. Done by Ward and Forrest but a number of years ago. There must be more to come from this area.

Likiang district, pretty well done except a curious lava outcrop I think to the east of Likiang which might be interesting.

Muli. The best of all. Forrest and Ward have both been here but a number of years ago and not very thoroughly. Most of the plants I have seen from this area are first class and I think you are approaching the central distribution point of Rhodos. They are also very hardy. Keep every plant.

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Likiang April 3d 32.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed.

Your welcome wire undated arrived this morning and while it was a bit garbled I was glad to learn that you had nearly completed the securing of the funds. I thought you would succeed and this has prompted me not to loose any time but go ahead with all the plans. I have written you quite explicitely and explained to you my plans and the localities or rather regions we are going to work in.

I had held back somewhat the number of assistants as I did not want to incurr too great a burden financially but since your wire is so encouraging I am employing an extra six men to make the expedition absolutely successful. It is not yet too late as the alpine flowers do not come out until the end of May, and so also the upland Rhododendrons. The loads (15 mule loads) of pressspaper dry and collect the plants in have gone on, packed with the plant presses and the expedition starts to-morrow. and as I had written to Prof. Oakes Ames, if in case you should fail to raise any funds, he would buy the herbarium material and hope

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that he might help me dispose of the seeds.
Since your wife has come practically assuring
me that the money is available there is of
course now no need of approaching Prof. Sargent, Prof. Ames.
If you think that next year with the assistance
of Prof. Ames, perhaps it will be possible to make an
expedition to the Zaysil range I should be very
happy to undertake it, for that is really as
I firmly believe, the center of distribution
for Rhododendrons. The results of this year's
expedition I am confident will arouse
such an enthusiasm that an expedition
to the Zaysil range will come within the bounds
of possibility and I gladly will offer my services.
This letter is an acknowledgement of your wire
and to state that the expedition is off to-morrow.
I am glad very glad now that I went ahead
with my plans and all is now ready and we
start with an easier frame of mind since
I heard from you so encouragingly. For of
course I am not a rich man and could not
well afford a loss of such an amount, especially
as I have been carrying on these last two years
on my own.

With kindest regards
always sincerely yours
Joseph F. Rock.

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Kikiaup April 3/92.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed.

I forgot to mention in my letter of to day that I would like very much to have you send me 6 registered letter post seed envelopes of the type in which I sent you lately a number of seeds. I have a few hundred on hand but these will not be enough. I have had seed bags made of 80 yards of cotton cloth (600 seed bags large and small) to be used in the field.

With kindest regards

Sincerely yours

J. F. Rock.

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FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTION

Likiang April 6/'22.

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Just a line to say that 12 men have left for the Salwin yesterday and be headwaters of the Irrawady. I have had five carpenters busy making sixty pairs of plant presses have bought another 80 yards of cotton cloth (two bolts) to make 600 additional sheets. The remainder of the expedition will be off in a day or so. I must buy a still additional grade paper (9 more mule loads) as I found we had not enough. I have bought 134 large pine boards & have 20 boxes made. Each box plants (herbarium specimens) — two boxes making a mule load. I have paid the wages in advance for three months, the food allowance for eight months for 20 men, the mule hire, coolie hire for the various places and the money needed for 8 months in advance. I have paid out nearly 10000 dollars silver now. The men must be paid their full amounts of salaries on their return next December or November, the mule hire to Yunnanfu

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& north east Muli and the Malashi
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At any rate I promise a rich harvest.
In view of the large expenditures I have already
made and must still have to make to finance
my personal tour with plant collectors
I would kindly ask you to have the full amount
say 5000 dollars (U.S. currency) draft deposited
to my Gold dollar account with the National
City Bank of New York Shanghai branch
whenever you have the money on hand,
preferably before the fall for I shall have
large payments to meet in salaries for the
men, bonus etc.
With kindest regards and best wishes
and guaranteeing you a rich harvest in both
plants and seeds, I remain
Yours faithfully
Joseph F. Rock.

Don't fail to send me seed envelopes, collecting bags and labels for next trip. Seed envelopes are not available here.

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Likiang, April 3, 1932

My dear Dr. Goodspeed:

Your welcome wire undated arrived this morning and while it was a bit garbled I was glad to learn that you had nearly completed the securing of the funds. I thought you would succeed and this has prompted me not to lose any time but go ahead with all the plans. I have written you quite explicitly and explained to you my plans and the localities or rather regions we are going to work in.

I had held back somewhat the number of assistants as I did not want to incur too great a burden financially but since your wire is so encouraging I am employing an extra six men to make the expedition absolutely successful. It is not yet too late as the alpine flowers do not come out until the end of May, and so also the upland Rhododendrons. The loads (15 mule loads) of grasspaper to dry and collect the plants in have gone on, packed with the plant presses and the expedition starts tomorrow.

I had written to Prof.Oakes Ames and asked him if in case you should fail to raise any funds, he would buy the herbarium material and hoped that he might help me dispose of the seeds. Since your wire has come practically assuring me that the money is available, there is of course now no need of approaching further Prof.Ames. If you think that next year with the assistance of Prof.Ames perhaps, it will be possible to make an expedition to the Zayul Range, I should be very happy to undertake it, for that is really, as I firmly believe, the center of distribution for Rhododendrons. The results of this year's expedition I am confident will arouse such an enthusiasm that an expedition to the Zayul range will come within the bounds of possibility and I gladly will offer my services.

This letter is an acknowledgment of your wire and to state that the expedition is off tomorrow. I am glad, very glad, now that I went ahead with my plans and all is now ready and we start in an easier frame of mind since I heard from you so encouragingly. For of course I am not a rich man and could not well afford a loss of such an amount, especially as I have been carrying on these last two years on my own.

With kindest regards, always sincerely yours,

(Signed) Joseph F. Rock.

Likiang, April 6, 1932

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

Just a line to say that 12 men have left for the Salween yesterday and the headwaters of the Irrawaddy. I have had three carpenters busy making sixty pairs of plant presses, have bought another 80 yards of cotton cloth (two bolts) to make 600 additional seed bags; the remainder of the expedition will be off in a day or so. I must buy still additional grass paper (3 more mule loads) ~~xxx~~ as I found we had not enough. I have bought 134 large pine boards to have 30 boxes made to pack the plants (herbarium specimens) in, two boxes making a mule load. I have paid the wages in advance for three months, the food allowance for eight months for 30 men, the mule hire, coolie hire for the various places and the moneys needed for 8 months in advance. I have paid out nearly $10,000 silver now. The men must be paid their full amounts of salaries on their return next December or November, the mule hire to Yunnanfu for transporting the plants, and each man has been promised a bonus. I cannot of course

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visit all the regions I proposed to collect in as they are far apart. I will devote myself to the entirely unexplored Muti Konka snow range east of the Yalung in northeast Muli and the Malashi country unless I shall be prevented by -------?? from carrying out this plan.

At any rate I promose a rich harvest. In view of the large expenditures I have already made and will still have to make to finance my personal tour with plant collectors, I would kindly ask you to have the full amount, say $5000 (U.S. currency) draft deposited to my gold dollar account with the National City Bank of New York, Shanghai Branch, whenever you have the money on hand, preferably before the fall, for I shall have large payments to meet in salaries for the men, bonus,etc.

With kindest regards and best wishes and guaranteeing you a rich harvest in both plants and seeds, I remain

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Joseph F. Rock

April 8, 1932

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

I forgot to mention in my letter of today that I would like very much to have you send me by registered letter post seed envelopes of the type in which I sent you lately a number of seeds. I have a few hundred on hand but these will not be enough. I have had seed bags made of 80 yards of cotton cloth (600 seed bags, large and small) to be used in the field.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. F. Rock.

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May 19, 1932

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
Likiang
Yunnan, China

Dear Dr. Rock:

I have now received from you two letters concerning the proposed expedition. Sometime before I had, of course, received your cablegram indicating that you had decided to proceed with the expedition. I judge that you have also received my letter in which I specifically indicate the conditions under which the expedition is to be carried on so far as the University is concerned. There are a number of points that I want to mention to you now.

In the first place, will you please hereafter send all seeds of trees and shrubs addressed to the Division of Plant Quarantine, Agriculture Building, San Francisco. Within each package please place my name and address. This procedure will simplify the inspection and will, in general, save time. As you know, of course, seeds of herbaceous plants will be received without inspection; in other words, can be sent direct to me.

I am going on the assumption that you received my cablegram in which I called specific attention to the importance of obtaining herbarium specimens of everything which you came across. By this I mean that the most familiar wayside weeds will be very well worth collecting, since questions of distribution of floras are very important in just the region where you will be collecting. The herbarium specimens should be shipped to me at this University. The boxes will undoubtedly be held by the Plant Quarantine service in San Francisco, but I anticipate that we will be able to fumigate them here rather than having it done there.

Finally, as to the question of repaying your advances of money for the expedition, I will have to consult the Comptroller of the University. I have no doubt that the arrangement of depositing installments to your credit in the bank will be approved. However, as you undoubtedly realize, there is no cash at present in hand.

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I have simply received pledges and the University must now send out formal pledge agreements to be signed by those who have indicated to me informally their willingness to assist. Once these formal pledges have been received by the University, it will be possible for the Comptroller to advance the corresponding sum of money. Of course, some of those who have pledged will prefer to send cash to the Comptroller rather than sign the pledge cards; but on this we cannot count because many of them prefer to have a month or two in which to arrange to make payment. In your previous letter you suggested that the money be deposited to your account with the American Security and Trust Co. of Washington, D.C. In your last letter you suggest that the installments be paid in to the Shanghai Branch of the National City Bank of New York. I am going to make inquiries in San Francisco as to the status of the situation in Shanghai; that is, whether it will be wise to deposit money to your account there. I am sorry that I cannot give you a final word on this financial side, but you may rest assured that I am going to do everything I can to see that you are reimbursed. I can only give you my personal assurance, but I do feel confident that you will be taken care of.

I need not say how pleased I am that you have felt willing to undertake the expedition under the circumstances that exist. I know that it will be a very great success. The only thing that really worries me at all personally is the question of our being ready at this end to receive the shipments from you. This is really a small matter, of course, but has got to be handled within the department.

I have written an urgent letter to Oakes Ames and am very hopeful that he will be willing to contribute generously to the project. In that case of course, the Arnold Arboretum will be taking over a certain proportion of the herbarium specimens, at least, but under any circumstances I want the shipments sent to me for distribution from this end.

I appreciated very much the package of Delphinium seed and am awaiting the shipment of Rhododendron seed which you mention in your first letter. I may say that the seeds you havesent me in your letters from time to time have been very useful, in that I have sent small samples to a number of prospective donors, thus giving them some hint of what is to come from the expedition. In this connection, I am reminded of my correspondence with Lionel de Rothschild. I hoped to obtain a substantial contribution from him, but he writes that Forrest made very extensive collections in the Salween-Mekong Divide, the seed of which is coming to Rhthschild. For this reason he said

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he would not care to contribute toward an expedition which would be working in the same region. I have no doubt but what you are fully informed of what Forrest has done and that the actual region in which you will be working will not be the same as that in which he has collected.

I note that we may not anticipate to hear from you for some months and that this letter to you will probably be delayed in forwarding. I hope, however, that it reaches you and that it will assure you once more of our great appreciation of all that you are proposing to do.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

T. H. Goodspeed, Professor of Botany
and Curator of the Botanical Garden

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May 20, 1932

Dear Dr. Rock:

After writing in reply to a letter which I received from you yesterday morning, a number of other letters came in the afternoon. I am very much interested in all your proposals and am very glad to have the itineraries for your various sub-expeditions. In view of this more specific information about your plans, I believe that I will write again to Lionel de Rothschild in the hope that he may reconsider his first decision.

I believe that your later letters do not mention any points which I have not covered in what I have already written, except the matter of "seed envelopes, string and white oil paper". I will have to do what I can about this but, presumably, will not be able to get any of these materials off to you before the middle of July, since we have no funds in hand at the present moment. You will understand from what I have already said that everything in the financial way is in prospect, and since I am not in a position to advance anything myself I will have to wait until the University has funds in hand and requisition these supplies in the usual way. I personally doubt whether we will be able to get exactly the kind of seed envelope which you have in mind, but I will do the best I can.

In your letter of April 6th you ask that the full $5000.00 be deposited to your account. I must say very frankly that I do not believe this will be possible, because at the present moment I do not have pledges to cover such an amount, and probably it will take very earnest efforts for another six months before we get it all together. However, as soon as possible I will do what I have already suggested, namely, place at your disposal as many thousand dollars as possible. The remainder will then, I fear, have to await the return of the expedition. It is difficult to explain just how serious the financial situation is in this country. I have written a very large number of letters to men who two years ago would have been glad to supply the entire $5000.00. By this I mean it would have caused them no inconvenience at all. At present many of them are really on borrowed money, and actually borrowing money, in addition, to make contributions to unemployment funds, etc. Indeed, it is a very great source of embarrassment to me to write these gentlemen, proposing that they give money to the expedition when the crying demands of poverty are continually before their faces. I do not wish to be discouraging. As I have already said, I believe that the full sum will be in hand, but I want you to realize that I cannot, at any given moment, agree to place at your disposal any given sum of money.

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There is one other matter that I very much need your advice on. You say that the $5000.00 will care for the collection and transport of the plant materials to Yunnanfu, but from that point on we must arrange for the cost of transportation. I have already told you, I believe, that the Dollar Steamship Lines are willing to carry everything free of charge, but I wonder what it will cost to transport the collections from Yunnanfu to a point where they may be picked up by a Dollar Line steamer. Possibly you could give me some information in this connection.

Once more let me assure you of my enthusiasm about your proposals. I agree with you that it is an opportunity not to be missed and I know that you will be successful. We all join in very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

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June 16, 1932

Dr. Joseph F. Rock,
Likiang, Yunnanfu, China.

Dear Dr. Rock:-

I was very glad to have the series of letters which you wrote early in April and more recently a collection of seed has arrived. I am very glad indeed to have your full itinerary and have been using the information as to the places in which your collecting parties are working in answering a considerable number of people who have felt that your expedition was going to cover the same ground that Forrest did two years ago. I can see very clearly by consulting the map that you are working in country considerably beyond that into which Forrest penetrated.

I am still quite busy attempting to complete the fund. Conditions are rapidly becoming worse in this country and I have had to call in all pledges made so far because I was afraid that the persons concerned might very soon find themselves unable to meet their pledges. This I am afraid is going to be the case in one or two instances. I expect, however, to be able to send you money before August first. How much, I cannot say, but I would hope that it may be at least $2500. Thereafter, at your request, I will send as much more as is available. Personally, I do not anticipate any difficulty in securing the entire $5000 within three months. You may rest assured that although you started the expedition on your own authority, before the money was completely in hand, I will see to it that you are repaid. I do not mean by this that I can contribute anything myself, but I will push forward continuously until the money is in hand, no matter how long a time that takes. In other words, you will be repaid, and you will be repaid as rapidly as the money becomes available.

When I mentioned above the sum of $2500, I did not mean that this is all the money that I have in prospect, but I am placing it at this figure in order to be safe. Will you please, as soon as you receive this letter, send me a genetal statement of expenditures made by you to date? I do not mean that I want an absolutely exact figure, which I know you cannot give under the circumstances,- but I should like an itemized statement,- for example, "Hire of (how many?) native collectors, at $ (how much?), etc., etc. It will be much more businesslike if I can submit such a statement to the Comptroller of our University, from whom the money will be sent to you. You realize that this type of business arrangement is quite important because the expedition money is coming from a variety of sources and many different individuals, and our business office will feel very uncomfortable if it does not have some financial statement which it can make in case of inquiry by contributors.

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There seems to be a great deal of doubt in various quarters as to your health. I received only a few days ago a letter from a subscriber to the fund saying that on the best information she had learned that you had died in April. I wrote back that I had letters from you in April and although I knew your health was not particularly good, still you were going forward with the expedition. Please write me as often as you come in contact with civilization, in order that rumors of this sort can be quieted. Would it be possible for you also to arrange with Mr. Stevens, the American Consul in Yunnanfu, to cable me in case anything serious occurs? I find great difficulty in prepaying cable replies from China. Previously, when there was a report of your death, I cabled Mr. Stevens, paying for reply, but the prepayment was not delivered to him and therefore I had to wait for a letter. I know nowway in which to prepay a cable from him. Would you, therefore, arrange with him to prepay yourself such a cable, so that I can feel assured that I will have immediate word of any important development?

I have had a letter from Mr. Ryerson of the Foreign Plant Introduction Bureau at Washington, in which he says that you have asked him to send you seed envelopes, etc. This suggests to me that possibly you had been thinking of sending the products of our expedition in part to Washington and possibly elsewhere. I may be entirely incorrect in this supposition, because I feel sure that you received my letter in which I made the stipulation under which the University was fostering the expedition. If you did not receive it, I might comment on this particular matter. We are expecting that the products of the expedition will be sent to this University and nowhere else. Thereafter, this University will make such distribution as seems necessary and desirable of the seeds, herbarium specimens, etc. You will undoubtedly have a number of special persons or institutions to whom you would wish to have this material sent. We will of course be glad to receive such a list from you and fill it. It is quite important that the University officially sponsoring this expedition can have the feeling that it alone is going to obtain and be able to distribute the products of the expedition. I mention this only incidentally, but also very frankly, in order that the situation may be perfectly clear in your mind.

The Dollar Steamship Company, which has agreed to carry free of charge your collections from China to San Francisco, has a port of call at the nearest point from Yunnanfu by rail. Unfortunately, at the moment I do not remember the name of this port, but I will send you instructions later on. I have asked Mr. Stevens at Yunnanfu to do what he can to assist us in the matter of shipment of your collections.

Will all good wishes to you and in the hope that matters are progressing very favorably, I am

Yours faithfully,

T. H. Goodspeed
Professor of Botany and
Curator of the Botanical Gardens

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Yunnanfu July 15th/32.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed.

Your letter of June 16th reached me yesterday here in Yunnanfu, where most of your other letters also awaited me with the exception perhaps of one or so which may have gone to Likiang while I was enroute to this place. Now first of all I will explain to you my presence here in Yunnanfu and the recent or perhaps later events after my cabling you and writing you from Likiang that the expedition is proceeding etc.

The expedition is proceeding as schedule which I explained to you in my last letters with the one exception that I myself had to give up the field work on account of unforeseen events which I will relate presently.

To enumerate all events I will start by saying that your cable was held in Likiang for nearly two months because I had been in Yunnan and out of touch with the outside world. I was recuperating in Yunnan from a severe illness, as later proved, of amoebic dysentary in 1931; this was followed

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by a nervous breakdown from which I recuperated while at Yangping and I became quite however, fit again and my enthusiasm for this last opportunity of doing some more field work carried me away. I cabled you on my arrival — Likiang from Yangping, "cable immediately either yes or no otherwise will return. After some three weeks I received your cable reply "Cable received, Funds almost complete ocean transportation material and return passage donated herbarium sets all possible species desired."

From this I took that you had nearly all the money in hand and not merely informal verbal (unsigned) pledges which might and might not be redeemed. And as your cable closed with the words "all possible species desired" I took for granted that you wanted me to go ahead. You were naturally as enthusiastic as I was and did not wish to pass up such an opportunity which in all probability will not come again.

Had you said no, or had you been less explicit in your cable I would not have wired you "Decided proceed as to expedition"

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3/ for certainly could not afford to finance such an expedition personally without final reimbursement. On the strength of your cable I went ahead and engaged 20 of my best plant and seed collectors and divided them into four parties with a headman for each, best familiar with the particular locality they were to go to and collect in. I myself, after seeing three parties off, who are due in the field until the seeds of the Rhod. & Conifers, the last seeds to mature, are all perfectly mature, went with the fourth party north towards Muli en route to Muli Kouka the unexplored snow range east of the Jalung as our goal. As misfortune would have it, when I was about to ascend the Muli divide, just at the top I had a slight stroke (which the doctor here described as a transient stroke) which necessitated my abandoning the leadership of that expedition. Sick as I was I wrote letters to the Muli King who is a very good friend of mine as you know, and transferring all my official papers to my men, sent them on to Muli Kouka where they are to explore all this summer until all the seeds are ripe. They will visit also

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4) Mt. Liga and the neighboring ranges (those adjoining Mentí Kaoka). I myself was obliged to return as under those conditions I could not continue owing to the high altitude. So by gradual stages I reached Likiang where I had hoped to remain for a couple of months only to start out again, this accounted for my not writing you at the time. At the Doctor's urgent advice I return to a lower altitude and to submit to treatment I had to decide to come to Yünnanfu, where I am in medical care and out of danger. I feel much better since my arrival here where I have rented a foreign house and where I shall be obliged to remain until my men will have arrived here with the collection of plants and seeds. So the expedition is going on full blast under the protection of the Yünnan Government and the King of Muli etc.
I had to take with me to Yünnanfu eight of my own men who always accompany me wherever I go, one cannot travel in this part of the world with one or two men owing to the bandits, one must have reliable

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5 people
with me.

The expedition is perfectly safe and is working
as to schedule. Before Likiang I appointed
an agent a man whom I can trust perfectly
and with whom I left funds to pay salaries
etc up to December of this year.
I hired carpenters to make boxes for the herbarium
specimens, had linen bags made for seeds
etc, arranged for the passports of eight
men (four headmen and one extra man of each
of the four parties) for the journey to Yunnanfu
with the collections of plants and seeds this
winter. In each party there is a man who can
write Chinese who will label each specimen
as to locality collected, height of plant color
of flower and soil condition plus altitude,
and as I said the headman of each party
plus the man who write the labels will bring
the collections to Yunnanfu this winter
probably by the end of December or next January
I give these men a stimulus I have promised
each a good sum depending on the collection
of both herbarium material and seeds.
In addition to the funds I advanced in
Likiang for salaries, mule hire, food,
grass (per 16 loads mule) to dry the plants in,

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6) linen for seed bags, lumber for 20 or 30 boxes, oat, Enamel (these had to be sent up from Yunnanfu), white blotting paper to put the dry specimens in before finally packing ropes, beddings and what not. I have sent up 3000 dollars Mex. to Likiang to pay for salaries over the amount advanced, part loans pay for those who are not coming to Yunnanfu, and for roadmoney to Yunnanfu for eight men, the caravan charges to be paid by me here on their safe arrival.

I could do no more!

To tell you the honest truth had I known what the future held in store for me I certainly would not have started with this expedition. I should have packed up and gone to Honolulu where I could recuperate better than here in Yunnanfu which is still 6400 ft elevation. I am obliged to stay here on account of this expedition and await the arrival of the men with the collections. Had it been possible to recall the parties after my arrival in Likiang I would have done so, but even if that could have been done, the loss of money time would

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have been too great and I could not afford to abandon a project the initial cost of which meant several thousand dollars and which I had already advanced.
As I will be unable to gather material for articles, I will gain nothing from this expedition except work and responsibility. I must say my dear Dr. Gradspeed in all frankness that on your part you demand from me all sorts of contracts and conditions as if I were being paid a high salary and had thousands at my disposal, while on my part I am giving all my equipment, am even advancing the money, and am giving my time, and furthermore have tied myself to such an extent that I cannot leave here until December or January or perhaps even later, on account of this expedition. If you consider this situation in the proper light you must realize that so far I have done everything, while you may say you hope that you will be able to repay me.
I cannot say more, than that the

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expedition will be a great success in spite of everything and I know that you will be satisfied. I am very glad to be of help to you, I gain nothing from this expedition only labor, I am loosing the interest of several thousand dollars and have on top of it the responsibility, you have no responsibility but to receive the collections which I can guarantee will be beyond your expectations. The loans I promised to men besides their salaries is an inducement to exert themselves to the utmost, and I know from experience that it works. If you will deposit for me in the course of time a total of 3000 dollars sold up to September 30th say, I will agree to wait for the remainder until after you shall have received the seeds and plant collections in Berkeley or San Francisco. It is needless to say that I am not sending any seeds to anybody nor herbarium specimens, I do not do business of that sort, and I resent

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9) such intimation any ~~suggestion~~ on your part. I have written for seed envelops & Ryerson as I cannot or could not depend on your sending me any, and here none are available. In return for that kindness you may send Ryerson some seeds if you like.

I am a representative of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and their credentials have helped me greatly here and given me official status with the Chinese Government while I hold none from your institution. You are the beneficiary. This official status and the fact that I am an agricultural advisor to the Chinese Government ~~work~~ plus the funds I am advancing personally makes this expedition possible and I think when you figure correctly ~~all~~ you will realize where the weight is in the balances.

I greatly appreciate the fact that it must be very difficult to raise money and that conditions are very bad. You have repeatedly asked me to share

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patience and not leave China.

In your last letter you say that I started the expedition on my own (responsibility) or authority before the money was completely in hand. You must realize that I sent you an explicite cable, either yes or no, which you did not answer accordingly, but from the cable you sent me saying all specis desired transportation guaranteed etc." I took for granted that you wished me to go ahead for I had suggested that I would advance the money in the meantime. You could not expect me to wait indefinitely in Likiang for until you had the full amount, hence I cabled you yes or no! This would have meant that I should have been obliged to remain in Likiang until January 1934, and with no remuneration whatever in view, you could not expect me to do that. That is all I have to say in this matter. I have trusted

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11) you that you would repay and will repay me and so you must trust me to carry out my party, this is not the first expedition I am managing. And when I said to you please kindly forward a certain sum to a certain bank — Shanghai, it is I who am taking the responsibility — as to the security of the bank etc and not you. If you should think another bank better or another place safer, you may be thinking all wrong, for I know conditions better out here than you in America. I have cheques on that bank and on no other in Shanghai and can cash consequently cheques on that bank only, if you send the money elsewhere, why then the money will not be available time untill a lot of needless correspondence etc is indulged in which only adds to the work, and worry and serves no purpose. If you want this expedition to succeed

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and I certainly, you must admit have done far more than my share, the least you can do is to follow my advice.

Now as to the shipment of the material. The seeds will have to be shipped as I have always done by registered letter post. This insures their prompt and safe arrival without their being opened by either the Chinese or French Customs en route to Hong Kong, which would otherwise take place were they mailed by parcels post.

It is not necessary to write any officials whatever about the collections. The least said the better. Never call attention to collections to be shipped out of China to the Powers that be. I know the Customs Commissioner here, and he himself said time, don't have the Consul or anyone write home about the Collections, for it would only have to be put on record, while if nothing is said I can pass the boxes without their

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13) being opened and no record will
appear anywhere. They will be passed
legitimately and will probably be not
outiable; if necessary a small amount
of duty can be paid and he boxes will
leave here unostentatiously. I have tried
in the early days of my explorings in China
to get permits from Peking etc and they
only proved handicaps and a lot of
questions etc. So please do not
interfere on your side, leave everything
to me and follow my advice and all
will be well. Letters of this type I have
to write to Professor Sargent and Dr.
Goodale and others.

Please do not think that I do not appreciate
your kind efforts to help me here & get the
collections out etc but as I have said
this is not the first time I am getting
a collection through. Harvard M.C.Z.
for whom I had been collecting birds
during 1930-1931 gave me absolutely
carte blanche, and they have received
every bird collected without the loss of a

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14/ Peaker 1841 birds large and small, they went through the customs without the least trouble or their being opened and inspected etc. neither in China nor in Indo China, and yet the Philadelphia Academy of Science Expedition who went to Nanking and made asked for all kinds of permits and privileges etc, had to assemble all its collections in Shanghai and then divide with Nanking. It does not pay to advertise in advance.

Everything has been and is being done properly and legitimately with the full approval of the Siamese government and with its most active assistance. The Government of Siam and I are and have been for years on the best of terms.

By the way Mr. Stevens is no more in Siam. Now we are in closer touch, and can write to each other more quickly, cabling is too expensive. I still hope some day to go to the Zayul range but that will take more than 5000 dollars, and I am afraid I would not be able again to undertake such a work under

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similar conditions as he present one.
I fully trust that inspite of he depression
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I am doing all I can.

With Kindest regards, I remain,
always faithfully yours,
Joseph. Rock.

P.S.
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by steamer to Hong Kong and thence to
San Francisco by the first available boat.

J. F. R.

(From Likiang to Yunnanfu
it takes 20 days by mule-
caravan)

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Yunnanfu, July 15, 1932

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:-

Your letter of June 16th reached me yesterday here in Yunnanfu, where most of your other letters also awaited me with the exception perhaps of one or two which may have gone to Likiang while I was enroute to this place. Now first of all I will explain to you my presence here in Yunnanfu and the recent or perhaps later events after my cabling you and writing you from Likiang that the expedition is proceeding, etc.

The expedition is proceeding as to schedule which I explained to you in my last letters with the one exception that I myself had to give up the field work on account of unforeseen events which I will relate presently.

To enumerate all events I will start by saying that your cable was held in Likiang for nearly two months because I had been in Youngnings and out of touch as to the outside world. I was recuperating in Youngning from a severe illness, as four months of amoebic dysentery in 1931; this was followed by a nervous breakdown, from which I recuperated however while at Youngning and I became quite fit again and my enthusiasm for this last opportunity of doing some more field work carried me away. I cabled you on my arrival in Likiang from Youngning; "Cable immediately either yes or no otherwise will return." After some three weeks I received your cable reply "Cable received ~~xixxxi~~ Funds almost complete ocean transportation material and return passage donated herbarium sets all possible species desired."

From this I took it that you had nearly all the money in hand and not merely informal verbal (unsigned) pledges which might or might not be redeemed. And as your cable closed with the words "all possible species desired" I took for granted that you wanted me to go ahead. You were naturally as enthusiastic as I was and did not wish to pass up such an opportunity which in all probability will not come again.

Had you said no, or had you been less explicit in your cable, I would not have wired you "Decided proceed as to expedition" for I certainly could not afford to finance such an expedition personally without final reimbursement. On the strength of your cable I went ahead and engaged 20 of my best plant and seed collectors and divided them into four parties with a head man for each best familiar with the particular locality they were to go to and collect in. I myself, after seeing three parties off, who are to be in the field until the seeds of the Rhododendrons and Conifers, the last seeds to mature, are all perfectly mature, went with the fourth party north towards Muli en route to Muti Konka, the unexplored snow range east of the Yalung, as our goal. As misfortune would have it, when I was about to ascend the Muli Divide, Mt. sibboh, I had a slight stroke (which the doctor here described as a transcient stroke) which necessitated my abandoning the leadership of that expedition. Sick as I was, I wrote letters to the Muli King, who is a very good friend of mine as you know, and transferring all my official papers to my men, sent them on to Muti Konka where they are to explore all this summer until all the seeds are ripe. They will visit also Mt. Siga and the neighboring ranges (those adjoining Muti Konka). I myself was obliged to return, as under those conditions I could not continue ascending to the high altitude. So by gradual stages I reached Likiang, where I had hoped to remain for a couple of months only to start out again. This accounted for my not writing you at the time. At the doctor's urgent advice to return to a lower altitude and to submit to treatment, I had to decide to come to Yunnanfu, where I am in medical care and out of danger. I feel much better since my arrival here which I have rented a foreign house and where I shall be obliged to remain until my men will have arrived here with the collec-

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tions.of plants and seeds.

So the expedition is going on full blast under the protection of the Yunnan Government and the King of Muli, etc.

I had to take with me to Yunnanfu eight of my own men who always accompany me wherever I go. Onecannot travel in this part of the world with one or two men, owing to the bandits, one must have reliable people with one.

The expedition is perfectly safe and is working as to schedule. Before leaving Likiang I appointed an agent, a man whom I can trust perfectly and with whom I left funds to pay salaries, etc., up to December of this year. I hired carpenters to make boxes for the herbarium specimens, had linen bags made for seeds, etc., arranged for the passports of eight men (four headmen and one extra man of each of the four parties) for the journey to Yunnanfu with the collectiond of plants and seeds this winter. In each party there is a man who can write Chinese, who will label each specimen as to locality collected, height of plant, color of flower, and soil conditions, plus altitude, and as I said, the headman of each party plus the men who write the labels will bring the collections to Yunnanfu this winter probably by the end of December or next January. To give these men a stimulus, I have promised each a good bonus, depending on the collections of bot. herbarium material and seeds. In addition to the funds I advanced in Likiang for salaries, mule hire, food, grass paper (16 mule loads) to dry the plants in, linen for seed bags, lumber for 20 or 30 boxes, wax, nails (these had to be sent up from Yunnanfu), white Hoking paper to put the dry specimens in before finally packing, ropes, bedding, and what not, I have sent up $3000 Mex. to Likiang to pay for salaries over the amount advanced, part bonus pay for those who are not coming to Yunnanfu, and for road money to Yunnanfu for eight men, the caravan charges to be paid by me on their safe arrival.

I could do no more!

To tell you the honest truth, had I known what the future held in store for me I certainly would not have started with this expedition. I should have packed up and gone to Honolulu, where I could recuperate better than here in Yunnanfu, which is still 6400 feet elevation. I am obliged to stay here on account of this expedition and await the arrival of the men with the collections. Had it been possible to recall the parties after my arrival in Likiang I would have done so, but even if that could have been done, the loss of money to me would have been to great and I could not afford to abandon a project the initial cost of which meant several thousand dollars and which I had already advanced.

As I will be unable to gather material for articles, I will gain nothing from this expedition except work and responsibility. I must say, my dear Dr. Goodspeed, in all frankness that on your part you demand from me all sorts of contracts and conditions as if I were being paid a high salary and had thousands at my disposal, while on my part I am giving all my equipment, am even advancing the money, and am giving my time, and furthermore have tied myself to such an extent that I cannot leave here until December or January or perhaps even later, on account of this expedition. If you consider this situation in the proper light you must realize that so far I have done everything while you now say you hope that you will be able to repay me. I cannot say more than that the expedition will be a great success in spite of everything and I know that you will be satisfied. I am very glad to be of help to you. I gain nothing from this expedition, only labor, I am losing the interest of several thousand dollars and have on top of it the responsibility. You have no responsibility but to receive the collections which I can guarantee will be beyond your expectations.

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The bonus I promised the men besides their salaries is an inducement to exert themselves to the utmost, and I know from experience that it works. If you will deposit for me in the course of time a total of $3000 gold up to September 30th, say, I will agree to wait for the remainder until after you shall have received the seeds and plant collections, in Berkeley or San Francisco. It is needless to say that I am not sending any seeds to anybody, nor herbarium specimens. I do not do business of that sort and I resent such intimation on your part. I have written for seed envelopes to Ryerson as I cannot or could not depend on your sending me any, and here none are available. In return for that kindness you may send Ryerson some seeds if you like. I am a representative of the U.S.Dept.of Agriculture and their credentials have helped me greatly here and given me official status with the Chinese Government, while I hold none from your institution. You are the beheficiary. This official status and the fact that I am an agricultural advisor to the Yunnan Government, plus the funds I am advancing personally, makes this expedition possible and I think when you figure correctly you will realize where the weight in the balance is.

I greatly appreciate the fact that it must be very difficult to raise money and that conditions are very bad. You have repeatedly asked me to have patience and not leave China.

In your last letter you say that I started the expedition on my own responsibility or authority before the money was completely in hand. You must realize that I sent you an explicit cable, either yes or no, which you did not answer accordingly, but from the cable you sent me saying all species desired transporation guaranteed, etc., I took for granted that you wished me to go ahead for I had suggested that I would advance the money in the meantime. You could not expect me to wait indefinitely in Likiang until you had the full amount, hence I cabled you yes or no! This would have meant that I should have been obliged to remain in Likiang until January, 1934, and with no remuneration whatever in view, you could not expect me to do that. That is all I have to say in this matter. I have trusted you that you would repay and will repay me so you must trust me to carry out my part; this is not the first expedition I am managing. And when I said to you please kindly forward a certain sum to a certain bank in Shanghai. it is I who am taking the responsibility as to the security of the bank, etc., and not you. If you should think another bank better or another place safer, you may be thinking all wrong, for I know conditions better out here than you in America. I have checques on that bank and on no other in Shanghai and can cash consequently cheques on that bank only. If you send the money elsewhere, why then the money will not be available here until a lot of needless correspondence is indulged in, which only adds to the work and worry and serves no purpose.

If you want this expedition to succeed, and I certainly think you must admit I have done far more than my share, the least you can do is to follow my advice.

Now as to the shipment of the material. The seeds will have to be shipped as I have always done, by registered letter post. This insures their prompt and safe arrival without their being opened by either the Chinese or French customs en route to Hong Kong, which would otherwise take place were they mailed by parcel post.

It is not necessary to write to any officials whatever about the collections. The least said the better. Never call attention to collections to be shipped out of China to the Powers that be. I know the Customs Commissioner here, and he himself said to me, don't have the Consul or anyone write to me about the collection, for it would only have to be put on record, while if nothing is said I can pass the boxes without their being opened and no record will appear anywhere. They will

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be passed legitimately and will probably be not dutiable; if necessary a small amount of duty can be paid and the boxes will leave here unostentatiously. I have tried in the early days of my exploring in China to get permits from Peking, etc., and they only proved handicaps and a lot of questions, etc. So please do not interfers on your side, leave everything to me and follow my advice and all will be well. Letters of this type I had to write to the late good old Professor Sargent and to Dr. Grosvenor and others.

Please do not think that I do not appreciate your kind efforts to help me here to get the collections out, etc., but as I have said this is not the first time I am getting a collection through. Harvard M.C.Z. for whom I had been collecting birds during 1930-1931 gave me absolutely cart blanche, and they have received every bird collected without the loss of a feather - 1841 birds large and small, they went through the customs without the least trouble or their being opened and inspected, etc., neither in China nor in Indo China, and yet the Philadelphia Academy of Science Expedition who went to Nanking and asked for all kinds of permits and privileges, etc., had to assemble all its collections in Shanghai and then divide with Nanking. It does not pay to advertise in advance.

Everything has been and is being done properly and legitimately with the full approval of the Yunnan Government and with its most active assistance. The Government of Yunnan and I are and have been for years on the best of terms. By the way, Mr. Stevens is no more in Yunnan. Now we are in closer touch and can write to each other more quickly, cabling is too expensive. I still hope some day to go to the Zayul range but that will take more than $5000 and I am afraid I would not be able again to undertake such a work under similar conditions as the present one. I fully trust that in spite of the depression etc. you will be able to repay me and so you must trust me to deliver the goods. I am doing all I can.

With kindest regards, I remain

Always faithfully yours,

(Signed) Joseph Rock

P.S.

I have no one to whom I would wish to have sent either seeds or plants, they are all yours only send some to Ryerson.

In one of your letters you said that $500 would be available for the transportation of the material to where the Dollar S.S. Co. could take charge of it. This should also take care of the first class registered postage for the seeds. The nearest port to Yunnan the Dollar people call at is Hong Kong. The boxes will be sent by rail Grand v. tesse (express) to Haiphong, thence by steamer to Hong Kong and thence to San Francisco by the first available Dollar boat. From Likiang to Yunnanfu it takes 20 days by mule caravan.

J.F.R.

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August 17, 1932

Dr. Joseph F. Rock,
Likiang, Yunnan Province, China.

Dear Dr. Rock:-

I am very much disturbed that no word has come from you since your letters of last April. I know, of course, that you have been in the field, but I have been expecting for some weeks to hear something from you. I certainly trust that all goes well. I feel, however, that before sending you money, I should await a letter from you.

First of all, you will wish to know about the success of the campaign for funds. I may say that we have now in hand a total of $5000, which means that you personally will be repaid for the expense of the expedition. I am now endeavoring to secure additional funds to cover the cost of transportation and distribution from this end. I hope this information will relieve your mind. I can assure you that it is a tremendous relief to me to have been able to get this money together. I do not believe that you can realize what a struggle it has been and how many hundreds of letters I have had to write and how many personal interviews I have had to arrange in order to get together the entire sum.

In an earlier letter I told you how important it is, from our point of view, that all the botanical products of the expedition come solely to this University. I hope that you received these letters and that you understand clearly the situation involved. You may be sure that we shall make wide distribution to representative botanical institutions all over the world of the seed and herbarium specimens. I am also planning to send to the U.S.D.A. for distribution seed of all species which have any economic or non-ornamental value. I believe that you can understand thoroughly why the distribution initially must come only from us. I can give you one striking illustration of the situation. Mr.Lionel de Rothschild has made a generous contribution to the expedition fund in return for which he is to receive a share of all the seed which you collect. Suppose, now, that you sent for example a certain portion of all the Rhododendron seed you collect to the U.S.D.A. Mr.de Rothschild would then receive from the U.S.D.A. the distribution list of Rhododendrons, and would thus discover that he could have secured the seed from of charge. This is only one illustration, showing the sort of complication in which we should become involved if the products of the expedition go to various places.

I am enclosing a number of mailing tage, which are to be used solely for the sending of seeds. The permit number is the one issued to the University of California. Possibly you would prefer to send the seed without these tags. Your previous sendings of seed have come through without question. You may make your own decision in this matter.

Hoping very soon to have word from you, and with all good wishes for your continued health and the success of the expedition, I am

Yours faithfully,

T. H. Goodspeed
Professor of Botany and
Curator of the Botanical Gardens

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Yarmouth Sept 15/32.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed,

I have been waiting and waiting for a letter from you but you seem to have forgotten all about me and the expedition which is going on on yours and Berkeley University's behalf. I have had one or two reports from my men sent out by the Kuli King and from Utenje. The collecting is going on apace and we shall have a very rich harvest. I am still waiting for the seed envelopes from you. It seems strange that the University or you could not advance the few dollars to buy envelopes when a man like myself who has no connection whatever with the Institution is willing to advance as much as I have done you think so? However Ryerson has sent me seed envelopes but not enough, but I cannot help saying that your enthusiasm cannot be very great when you cannot even buy a few seed envelopes. I really wished I had

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known that. Could one buy them here? I personally would buy them, but I don't feel that I should in addition to what I have already done send to America for the envelopes for you — to send, that would be a little too much. I am very grieved the way you have let me down, and my enthusiasm is rapidly dropping to the zero point. I enclose a letter which — as you may be quite aware, I have not replied to.

I am going meantime to do my part and I am sending one man back to Likiang to show the men there returning from Likiang to Yunnanfu where to collect seed of Rhododendrons between here and Likiang which were in flower when I came through. They are so hidden in the foliage and when not in flower are difficult to see.

With best regards,
always sincerely yours,
Joseph F. Rock.

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September 28, 1932

Dr. J. F. Rock
Yunnanfu, China

My dear Doctor Rock:

I was very much relieved to receive your letter written some time ago. It is distressing to learn that you have become at least partially incapacitated. I hope that your physical condition has very greatly improved, and that you have been able to get into the field, at least to a limited degree, and secure the sort of material which you had been planning to use yourself. I know how disappointed you must be that you were unable to carry out your own proposals as to penetrating into new and exceedingly interesting territory.

I have delayed writing to you until I could secure a decision from the Comptroller of this University as to the making of a payment to you on or about October 1. We have a good deal of money pledged but not as much as I would wish, and until recently we have not actually received in cash the $2000.00 which you requested. The pledges are, however, entirely good, and you may be assured that when we have received the products of the expedition the remaining $3000.00 will be paid to you. The Comptroller will deposit to your gold dollar account in the National City Bank of New York, Shanghai Branch, $2000.00 This disposition of the payment is in accordance with your latest instructions. I am very happy indeed that this payment can now be made. I do not believe that you can have any appreciation of the difficult situation that I have found myself in. There is absolutely no money in any way readily available for such expeditions. Every bit of it has had to be dragged out from more or less unwilling sources. This is a product of the serious condition in which this country is placed, along with the rest of the world, and the natural feeling on the part of those who would at other times gladly support such a project, that they must devote everything they have available to the pressing needs of caring for over 12 million unemployed people. Everyone in this country who has attempted campaigns for funds similar to mine feels very much surprised that at this time it was possible to get together any appreciable sum of money.

I am, of course, very happy indeed to leave entirely in your charge all arrangements as to duties, method of shipment and so on, of the products of the expedition. You, of course, are very familiar with the ways in which these matters can be cared for most safely, expeditiously and inexpensively. However, as I wrote you a long time ago, the officials of the Dollar Steamship Line have agreed to care for the water transport of the material without cost. I now have a notation from the Freight traffic Department of the Dollar Line, indicating that the steamer "CANTON" of the Compagnie Indochinoise de Navigation stops at approximately 10-day intervals at Haiphong to receive freight for Hongkong. I have not yet determined whether this French company is a subsidiary of the Dollar Line, and therefore whether our freight would be carried free from Haiphong to Hongkong, but apparently from Hongkong to San Francisco it would be transported gratis. The water rate from Haiphong to Hongkong is G$1.80 per ton. You will be in a position to decide what it is best to do in this connec-

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tion. I would judge that if the cost of transport from Yunnanfu to Haiphong is considerably less than from Yunnanfu to Hongkong, it would be wise to handle your shipments through Haiphong, even if we have to pay for transport to Hongkong by water. I know that you will give this question careful attention, because our funds in addition to the $5000.00 for the expedition proper are going to be exceedingly limited, and thus we must save wherever possible on the cost of transport. This is the more important because, as you can readily imagine, we are going to be put to very considerable expense in caring for the collections when they reach here, and in distributing seeds, herbarium specimens, etc.

I have no very clear idea of the exact procedure of the expedition, and I wonder whether you would be good enough to describe in some detail the way in which you proceed in such case. I know that native collectors are being sent out to the localities you mentioned, and that they are in the field first at flowering time when they bring back to you specimens from which you make a selection. From the plants seledted by you I judge that later on in the fall and early winter the seed is collected. I would be very much interested in having a picture of the situation myself, and it would be useful to me in writing some brief descriptions of the expedition for the newspapers. I had planned to obtain a good deal of publicity for the expedition, but when I come to attempt to write a more or less detailed description of it I find that my ideas of the way in which you operate are rather hazy.

I expect that the Comptroller of this University will cable you concerning the payment which is to be made. This will relieve your mind. He will also possibly address the American Consul in Yunnanfu, asking him to be of whatever assistance is possible in connection with the expedition. You can realize, I think, that your description of your physical condition has caused me a certain amount of worry. When we send you this money we are, of course, going on the assumption that we will obtain something which we can distribute to the contributors to the Expedition Fund in return for their contributions. In case your condition should become more serious, we naturally are very anxious to be assured that such products of the expedition as have become available will be forwarded to us. I have told the University authorities that I felt very sure that you had made detailed arrangements to provide for any such eventuality, and that unless exceedingly unforeseen circumstances intervened we were aure to receive the products of the expedition. I know that you are doing everything in your power to see that whatever happens we will receive what we should.

You will be glad to know that there is in all quarters a great enthusiasm about the expedition. I only wish that I could be on the ground myself, and I know that others have the same feeling. A friend of mine in England, who has supported many of Forrest's expeditions, has just written me with great enthusiasm about what he expects you will be able to accomplish. He comments upon the fact that Kingdon-Ward has operated in many of the regions that you were proposing to traverse, but says that he is much more of a geographer than a botanish. From every point of view we are expecting great things, and I know will be repaid.

Once more, many thanks for your good letters. I sincerely hope that you are feeling much more yourself. All your friends here join in cordial greetings.

Yours very sincerely,

P. S. Above all other points, I would appreciate knowing approximately on what dates we may expect to receive the herbarium material and the seeds.

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October 25, 1932

Doctor J. F. Rock
Yunnanfu

My dear Doctor Rock:

Your letter of September 15 has arrived, and, considering its tone, I am relieved to remember that you have already received material evidence of our continued interest in the expedition.

I am very sorry that the question of seed envelopes has not worked out to your satisfaction. Six months ago I considered this question carefully, and attempted to obtain quotations from local and eastern firms on the type of seed packet which you have been employing. They were impossible to obtain, and apparently are made up to special order for the U. S. D. A. I therefore requested Mr. Ryerson to send you a considerable additional supply of them, he having already stated that you had a certain number in hand. I offered to pay for these envelopes, but Mr. Ryerson seemed perfectly willing to donate them to the cause. I therefore supposed that you had been well supplied. I will at once communicate with Mr. Ryerson in the expectation that he will immediately forward you additional envelopes.

I very much wish that you did not find occasion when any misunderstanding like the present one arises, to feel that we are not doing the right thing by you at this end. It is very distressing indeed to receive such a letter as you wrote on September 15. I feel very definitely that I have done all in my power to forward this project. I have made very real sacrifices in time and money; indeed, for almost six months I devoted practically all my energies to the campaign to secure funds. It is not pleasant to beg for money under the conditions which at present obtain in America, and of which you can have no possible picture. I reply to your letters at the earliest opportunity; by this I mean that when there are questions involved of, for example, finances, I must go to a very considerable amount of trouble to determine the exact situation, and thereqfter immediately communicate with you. You already have my letter in which I have explained a number of matters and asked a number of questions, and I hope to hear from you in the near future.

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I am engaging in a good deal of correspondence to determine those persons and institutions who will be willing to name your collections. I am also making preparations for the receipt and distribution of the seed. As you realize, we will be put to very considerable expense, and it will be a very time-consuming matter to care for the collections. We have no routine facilities in this connection, such as are at hand at Washington, and the whole situation must be developed from the ground up. I mention these matters, not only to assure you that our interest is really continued, but that it is projecting out into the future the necessary plans.

I note the letter which you enclosed, and will communicate with Mr. Ihrig in the hope that he may care to make a small contribution to the Expedition Fund. Thank you for sending this on to me.

I trust that your health is restored, and that the harvest will turn out to be as rich as you apparently have reason to expect.

All your friends here join in best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

THGoodspeed:ML

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON

FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTION

Yunnanfu Dec 7th/32.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed
Berkeley Calif.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed
Just a line to say that I had a telegram from my men on Nov. 29th saying that they arrived on that day with the collection and that they will start for Yunnanfu on December 9th. I expect them here the end of this month or early part of January, depending on the condition of the road.
I also had a letter from the Muli King stating that he had given orders to all his subjects and lamas and that the party working on Muli Konka and adjacent regions had been well looked after and escorted and helped by his subjects, although Muli Konka

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is not in his territory proper and in no man's land, he had sent peasants (Hsifan) from the nearest Village in his territory to accompany my men and show them the trails etc.

I am sending the Muli King a present of an 8×40 Zeiss Field glass for his courtesies. He mentioned in his letter that the country in which Muli Kanka is situated is not quite peaceful being in no man's land and it would not be advisable to go there at another time.

To the north of Atuntze there was severe fighting between Chinese and Tibetan all summer, and one of my party headed by Lo Wen Chao was nearly shot. It would have been impossible to go where I had wanted to go viz the Zayul range owing to continuous warfare between the people of China (Hsi Kang) and Tibet. Will write again on arrival of the caravan.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph F. Rock

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON

FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTION

Yünnanfu (Dec) 26/37. 1100.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed.

Your letters of August 17th & Sept. 28th awaited me here — Yünnanfu on my arrival yesterday from Hong Kong where I had to go & recuperate. The doctor advised me to go down to lower levels and it has done me a lot of good. I am again my usual self and in the best of health. I am very glad to learn of the deposit of $ U.S. Two thousand which is herewith acknowledged. I am sorry if I have offended you in my letters but from this end it looked pretty bad for I have never — all my undertakings been confronted with such mistrust, it looked at first as if you had given me thousands of dollars, as it is I did the advancing, and it looks as if I shall

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2/ have to advance a lot more ere I receive the remainder of the sum due me. For any other expedition I have led, I always was paid in advance every thing, even my salary, for a year while it looked that you did not even wanted to repay me and trust me for what I had personally expended. It has worried me a great deal and I must say has contributed a great deal to my not recuperating quicker, for I certainly cannot afford to lose so much money — addition to what I would have made had it been possible for me to go into the field myself. I had of course direction to Yunnan, from Hongkong on account of the plant collectors, who are returning 1 December with the seeds and the flowering and fruiting specimens viz: the herbarium collection. However all unpleasantnesses I hope are over, at least as far as I am concerned, and all will work smoothly henceforth.

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3/. I can very well appreciate that it has been a very difficult task to get even that much money together and I want to congratulate you on your efforts and your success. When I wrote to you for seed envelopes I had of course in mind, should it be impossible to get envelopes such as the Bureau of Plant Industry sends, if any other type of strong Manila envelopes such as cannot be had here in this part of the world.

I have had letters from my men written in the field and sent by messengers to the nearest post offices where they were working some ten or more days journey distant, saying that all is well and that they have made a rich harvest and that they were now returning into the mountains from their headquarters to collect the seeds and printing specimens of all the plants of horticultural value, also of such as are less showy etc.

Don't be a Thomas, dear Bro. Goodspeed and you will see for yourself when the

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collections arrive. I must say never in all my travelling experience have I received such expressions of distrust as to my ability etc and that has angered me so that I cannot tell you, especially in view of the fact that I after all made this expedition possible. May I say that Forrest never went one single step into the mountains to collect either seeds or plants himself for the last twenty years! He never left his house for more than a mile while his men were working a month and sometimes 45 days away from where he was. His collections should not be all credited to him but to his men. I have never done that but always went out myself, and even in this instance I led my men out into the field over 30 days distant from where Forrest had awaited his men last winter. I do not know if that is known or not. Only in the very first years of Forrest's work did he

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6/ Kong on the S.S. Canton. While in Hong Kong I took the matter up with the Dollar Steamship line and saw Mr. Wilson the agent, and the boxes will be shipped thru from Haiphong and the only charges will be the handling from the steamer Canton to a Dollar Steamer in Hong Kong. The S.S. Canton lays miles out in the Hong Kong harbour and the freight is brought in by lighters or steam or gasoline launch. There is no need telling you all this as it is only a waste of paper and ink. The plants and seeds will arrive in the best condition as they always have and you need not worry. If there is any worrying to do I shall have to do that, in fact I have done a lot already, not about the success of the expedition but about the attitude you have taken towards me in regard to this expedition, and at no time, no matter for whom, would I ever undertake work under those conditions.

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Poo and in 1922 when he was in Kiang
he never even went ~~out~~ to take his dog
out but had a man for that. Hence
his plants have no locality except
longitude and latitude.
Now as to the sending of the seeds they must
be sent by registered letter post to ensure
their safe arrival in condition to secure
perfect germination. Packing them
in a box by themselves and sending them
by freight will not do. The herbarium
collection will have to be sent by Grand
Tesse, that is Express, from Yunnanfu
to Haiphong. I have shipped many
collections through China and especially
via Yunnanfu and Haiphong so
I am well acquainted with the procedures
and you must trust me explicitely
and make no other suggestions.
The boxes will be sealed here by the Customs
and sent by express to Haiphong in care
of the Standard Oil Co of New York.
Mr A. Glass who is the manager always
kindly shipped the boxes for me to Hong.

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7/ Be this as it may I shall forget all the unpleasantness and there will be no necessity of writing you & till all is ready for shipment. A lot of work is ahead of me when the men arrive. Now I will kindly request you to send me one more hundred Dollars & the same address for I cannot keep advancing money. I keep a Gold Dollar account and a Mexican Dollar account in Shanghai, and I have to transfer considerable funds from my Gold Dollar account to my Mexican account to meet all these payments of the expedition. I do not really wish to loose interest on so much money. Hoping for I advanced these funds last (early) spring. I must have funds to send the seeds by letter post so please send me 1000 Dollars which will be a part of the 5000 and of which I have already received 2000 Dollars. This will make a total of 3000 Dollars.

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The remaining two thousand dollars to be paid me on receipt of the collection and seeds. I think this is certainly a fair offer in view of the fact that I have already advanced more than 3500 dollars not including my expenses which have to be considered a total loss. So again I say don't worry and I am certain you will be more than surprised and pleased with the collection. My men are working north of the territory covered by Forrest and Ward. Ward never crossed the Yalung at Kulu or went north of Kulu. One of my parties is exploring entirely virgin territory a snow range not on any map and not seen by any other foreigner but myself it is the Muli Konka range which I crossed in the dead of winter once but where no collections have ever been made. Now lets be good friends and lets trust each other and all will be well. With kindest regards always your friend J. F. Rock

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9 P.S. The seeds will leave sometime about Christmas and should reach you about the 20th of January. In view of the fact that it will be about the time the plants arrive in San Francisco that I shall receive the additional thousand asked for in this letter and I shall have had advance the remainder anyway you might as well wait and don't send me any funds till you have received the seeds and collection. But I would kindly ask you to promptly send me the remainder that is $3000 U.S. currency by draft on New York to the same address as you sent the $2000 dollars. I hope this will be satisfactory as to the expenses of shipping the seeds and specimens which will arrive about the end of January next year if not earlier, I will keep them as low as is humanly possible and if you have no funds sufficient to pay for those expenses entirely I will try and pay half myself, but I hope

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it will not be necessary to do that.
Of course naturally there will be some
duplication for plants secured on
earlier expeditions will probably be found
further north also. Furthermore I had
no idea that you were supplying
England with seed and plants. I thought
it was strictly for the Berkeley Botanic garden
and Pacific coast. I know what has
been sent to California from my previous
collections only a small portion of
what I had collected, and so thought
that a great deal would be new for
California. The Dept. of agriculture
once received some of forest seed, but
they found that the seed had either
been boiled or steamed to kill them
so that they should not germinate.
Again best regards,
Sincerely
J. F. Rock.

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Jinmanfu Jan 2/33.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed.

Just a line to say that my men arrived here in Jinmanfu safely with 15 mules bringing the collection of plants and seeds packed in 26 wooden cases. I am now going over the material, numbering same and will despatch it as soon as possible. They are packed in waterproof waxed cases beautifully and strongly made. I will let you know when I am finished going over the material, how many numbers there are of plant and seeds. Judging so far from the collection there will be between 25000 and 30000 sheets of plants and seeds of about 1000 species or more of plants.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Rock

P.S. It will take me about a month to go through and write up the material.

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January 11, 1933

Dr. Joseph F. Rock

Yunnanfu, China

My dear Doctor Rock:

I was greatly relieved to have your letters of November 26 and December 7, which indicate that you are once more in good condition physically, and that the expedition bids fair to produce a rich harvest. I was also glad to learn that the $2000 already sent you was received.

I am sorry that you have had reason to feel that our treatment of you was not all that could be expected, but I am glad that you now realize that we have the highest regard for your capacity, and never doubted that the expedition would be very important from every point of view. We are glad, of course, to leave to you entirely all matters connected with the shipping of the material. I judge from your letter that the Mr. Glass with whom you discussed the situation in Hongkong is proposing to ship the dried specimens from Hongkong to San Francisco free of charge. At least that is in line with the original tentative agreement of the Dollar Line office in San Francisco. I am taking up this matter with Mr. Dollar again, and I feel sure that there will be no difficulty about arranging that this shipment free of charge be made as Mr. Dollar's contribution to the expedition. I judge that in any case you will not be called upon to prepay the cost of shipment from Hongkong to San Francisco.

I can understand your restiveness under the conditions which have obtained as to payment of expedition costs and so on. You must remember, however, that as contrasted with the conditions under which you have operated in the past for other organizations, the present expedition is under the auspices of a state university, into whose accounting office the contributions for the support of the expedition have been paid, and which proposes, quite rightly, to treat the financial aspects of our arrangement exactly as they would those connected with any other piece of University business; in other words, no moneys are paid out until they have actually been credited to the Expedition Fund, and there is nothing to draw upon apart from these contributions. In addition, I, of course, am solely responsible for obtaining the money, and, as I have a number of times told you, it is almost impossible to obtain a hundred dollars today from individuals or organizations who three years ago would have not hesitated to contribute five thousand. The University authorities, of course, recognize the very greatly

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changed situation, and thus I have to proceed with great caution, and be very certain of possible sources of income before I suggest any expenditures. In many ways I feel precisely as you do about the expedition. If I had anticipated the extreme difficulty of obtaining contributions to the extent of $5000, I would have discouraged you from undertaking the proposal. When the whold matter is finished,and settled financially, I hope that you will feel as I expect to, that despite all the uncertainties and difficulties involved, the expedition has been worth while from the point of view of the scientific advancement which certainly will accrue from it.

We are now making plans for the distribution of the herbarium sheets to specialists, and distribution of the seed to the contributors to the Expedition Fund. I judge that you will have sufficient containers for seeds on hand, because Mr. Ryerson of the FPI Bureau tells me that they have periodically sent you seed envelopes.

Once more, may I express our great enthusiasm for the expedition, and our appreciation of all that you have done under difficult circumstances. I hope that your health continues to be good, and that we may look forward to seeing you in personhhere at some time in the not-too-distant future.

Please accept my best wishes for the coming year. Your friends here all join in good wishes to you.

Yours very sincerely,

T. H. Goodspeed
Professor of Botany and
Curator, Botanical Garden

THG:ML

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Yunnanfu Jan. 15/93.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed.

I am in the midst of writing up the collections and seed of the expedition I sent out last early spring. I have gone through so far, the collections made at the head waters of the Irrawadi, i. South East Tibet Province of Tsarong west of the Kaakerbo range, the upper Salwin north of Tjonatong — S.E. Tibet, the mountains west of the Mekong and the divides between the Nhei kiu river and the Mekong proper, the collection of west of Mt. Kenyi Chungpo and north of that Mountain — South East Tibet. I am certain that you will be satisfied with the collections, this represents about or less than one third of the collection. The quantity of seed is so large that it would be out of the question to send it by letter post, so I have decided to pack them in boxes and forward them with the plants, they will reach you at the same time as the plants. It will take at least 20 days more till I shall have gone through the rest of the collection. I am numbering (~~the stamped~~) consecutively stamped note books, I am writing the generic name locality color of flower, altitute, wether growing in alpine meadows or on rock scree, cliffs, boulders, forest etc, this for the flowering specimens, the fruiting specimens are given separate numbers but are referred to the number of the flowering specimen (for example Rhododendron sp.? ~~fruiting~~ specimen no 23326 = 22820 flowering specimen). The seeds are given the same number

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as the printing specimen, only in the collection from the upper Salwin etc have I given the seed the same number as the corresponding flowering specimen. I thought it better however to give the seed the same number as the printing herbarium specimen.

Unfortunately last spring there was a late heavy snow fall, which prevented many plants from flowering or killing the flowers which had already appeared, and there is not so much seed from the Salwin side as there otherwise would have been, but still there is enough Rhododendron seed to plant the W. P. A.

I shall give you a resume of the party's collection made in the regions mentioned previously and the number of seed that is the number of species of seed collected; of Rhododendron in the region of the upper Salwin in Southwest Tibet 302 numbers. of Primulas 51, Lilium 12, Nomocharis 7, Euchiantha 8, Magnolia ~~=~~ 7, Meconopsis 19, to quote just a few, ~~total of~~ seed of a total of 292 species were collected in the upper Salwin alone. Seed ~~of~~ such as Davidia, Prunus, Taxus, Cotoneaster, Lonicera, Berberis etc were all packed in powdered charcoal in a cotton bag, wrapped in three layers of paper one of which is oil paper, the number of the specimen and seed is separately wrapped in oil paper and tied or placed under the string on the inner second wrapping, so when you open these packages be careful not to loose the label. There are no insects whatever either in the seed nor in the specimens, and the seed ~~contains~~ when dried

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3) with strong chemicals as otherwise these delicate seeds will be killed. There will be 26 cases of plants and seed, the cases are made of hard yellow pine, of heavy boards, tongue and groove, they are beautifully planed, and waxed in and outside thoroughly to make them water proof, such a box can be drawn in a river without the slightest damage to the contents.

4) Each species of plant that in each number there are about 6 specimens, sometimes more, it is impossible to collect a very large number of sets owing to the great amount of paper needed in drying these plants, you must realize that the Monsoon rains start in May and keep up uninterruptedly until the end of September and this year it rained all of October. Transportation facilities are very bad, coolies of the tribes available and then later on to mule caravan increases as the collection increase. It is a very difficult job to collect under such weather conditions, I furnished many waterproof covers to loads, tents, etc. The tents and waterproof are practically useless now, the trails being narrow, rocky and with protruding roots and sticks of trees holes are torn into them as the mules move along in the rain.

I can assure you had you sent out an expedition from California it would have cost you with equipment provisions etc £20.000.

I will write you again when I am further along or through with the labelling of the collection.

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I must however say that it will not be possible for me to defray the expenses of transportation from here to Hongkong. They must be sent by Grand Vitesse - Express on the train to Haiphong for freight takes an eternity and the longer the seeds remain in Indochina the worse it will be for them, for the heat is terrific down there even in February.

I shall advance the freight bill & the Express Charges to Hongkong and must request you to reimburse me for same plus the $3000 dollars due me. In the original agreement 500 dollars were stipulated to defray expenses of material from Likiang which is 20 days from the railhead here to Haiphong.

I am way out of pocket as it is and I cannot afford to pay the (freight) express to Hongkong. I hope you will realise that I have done all I could in fact I don't think you would have found any body willing to furnish all the equipment organisation, material etc and my own all for nothing, it has been a labor of love and I was only too glad to do it. Ill or no ill whatever I promise I carry through, even if I had died you would have lost not a cent and would have received your collections which I am sure will satisfy you.

With Kindest regards and best wishes I remain cordially yours,

Joseph Rock.

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Sunday Yunnanfu
Febr. 5/33.

My dear Professor Goodspeed.

Finally today I managed to finish labelling the plants and seeds collected last year 1932. It was a big job and I am glad it is finished for as much as I enjoyed the work, I have been ill nearly all the time suffering from terrible headaches due to the strokes I had last spring. Now as to the plants collected. There are 1109 numbers of Rhododendrons alone and seeds of 494 species and varieties. owing to the excessive snow fall between 1931 and 1932, that is until late spring 1932, the passes not being open until the end of May or thereabouts, the Rhododendron collection is not what it might have been.

Of Primula there are 262 numbers and seeds of 157 species and varieties not including 25 numbers of Omphalogramme which form a section of the Primulas.

Of Meconopsis there are 103 numbers and seeds of 44 species and varieties.

There is a total of seed of 1266 species and varieties.

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2) The specimens are numbered (my last collection number) from No: 21930 to 25482 inclusive. Of each number about 6-8 sheets or even more when possible were collected. Of some there are less depending on the rarity of the plant and the number of specimens available. There are roughly about 25000 sheets of plants and perhaps the specimens can be divided into more sheets. They are all packed or placed between white paper (Hoking paper) all specimens of one number together in one White folded sheet of paper. The plants are numbered consecutively so you will not have to hunt them. The fruiting specimens and the seeds have the same numbers and the fruiting specimen is referred to the flowering specimen by number, so they can easily be compared and identified. I have written the Generic names of 90% of the plants both in the four books I am sending as well as on the seed envelopes) and when I was sure of the specific names that also.

(1 or 3 labels with number for each specimen)

Under separate cover I am sending you four books enumerating the plants collected, these are also marked the seeds (that is whenever seed of any plant has been collected it is marked: Seed coll.

Owing to the large number of seeds and often the large quantity of seed it is impossible

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for me send the seed by letter post for the cost would be prohibitive. The seeds are packed in three large wooden cases, and the specimens in 23 wooden cases all of uniform size, made tongue and grove of yellow pine, well planed and waxed inside and outside so that they could even be thrown into rivers and they would not be injured by moisture. The plants and seeds are free of insects whatsoever, the former are packed with naphtalin. If I were you I would not let them fumigate the seeds too much. Each individual seed package is wrapped once in oil paper and twice in wrapping paper. Seeds such as Magnolias, Roses, Cotoneaster, Pyrus, Davidia involucrata, Conifers etc are packed in powdered charcoal in a cotton bag, and each bag is wrapped twice or thrice in oil paper and strong wrapping paper. So they must arrive all in a viable condition. If I were you I would give the Golden Gate park a complete set of the seeds for it is my candid opinion that the Rhododendrons and Primulas will do best there, and to raise them it would be a good place to grow [illegible]

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There are many species of Salix and a number of Hemicharis in the collection many wonderful Pedicularis, Potentillas and many rock alpine plants, and a number of Crepis for our friend at your University. I enclose one package of seed of Crepis Hookeriana from the mountains of Leirong S. W. Yunli, and S. W. Szechuan from alpine meadows 15000 ft elev. It is scarce here and only little seed could be developed, so I enclose it here.

Among the collection of plants there is one bundle of mosses and Lichenes which I collected in the fall of 1931 for Dr. Zahlbruckner of Vienna. Please be so good and pack it up and forward it to him, I had promised him these plants; as I said, they were collected all in one place where I camped in the fall of 1931, before any collecting was being done for you. If you like you may take a specimen of each species for your cryptogamic herbarium. I have not numbered them but placed a note in the package with the plants.

To enable you to have labels printed and to prevent the misspelling of names of [illegible] I enclose [illegible] legends for the labels

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giving locality and quoting the numbers for each label. This is self explanatory. I have no desire to have anyone receive seeds, not that I know of now. The plants and seed are yours and you may of course do what you please with them. I hope that all is satisfactory and that you will be pleased with the collection of both plants and seeds. I can only say that I am very sorry that I was not able to go myself. But of course this could not be helped, my experience was terrible enough. I think I wrote you not to worry that all will turn out well, I have not yet failed in anything I have undertaken. ~~[illegible]~~ I have taken the matter up, of passing these 26 boxes through the customs with the Customs Commissioner here. The boxes will be sealed by the customs here and will not be opened at the Chinese border. I have also taken the matter up with the French Consul here who is writing to the customs authorities in Indo China not to open the cases but allow them to be shipped to Hongkong unexamined. The boxes are numbered from 1-26, the last three bags 24, 25 & 26 contain the seeds.

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The Manager of the Standard Oil Co. of New York at Haiphong in Indo China kindly consented to take delivery of the boxes in Haiphong and will ship them from there to the agent of the Dollar Line Mr. Wilson in Hong Kong for transshipment to San Francisco where I hope you will receive them in good condition.

I will here kindly request you to send to the National City Bank of New York in Shanghai, as previously, the remainder of the sum due me, namely $3000.00. I must kindly ask you to pay me for the transportation of the cases by express to Haiphong the handling charges there and also the freight to Hongkong and handling charges there. I will let you know later the cost of transportation and will send you the bills for same so you can reimburse me later on.

I must say I am glad that all is so far over and after the plants etc leave my hands here I shall not be responsible any further. I have done All I could under the circumstances and I hope you will appreciate the work I have done for

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had I not advanced the money the expedition could never have been undertaken, not until perhaps this year, but I shall not be able to remain here much longer. The Natives who have done all the collecting will return in a couple or three weeks; owing to Chinese New year there are no caravans going into the interior and so they will have to wait until such time as a caravan is available. Some are at my house here and some are at an inn where I am paying their expenses.

Now I will close with the hope that all will arrive safely and that you will be pleased and will appreciate what has been done. And may I say in the most friendly spirit please be not a doubting Thomas! I will say no more ——— ! My work is now finished.

I wish you the best of luck in growing the plants and hope that they will like California, there is no reason why they should not.

With Kindest regards

always cordially yours

Joseph Rock.

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Yunnanfu Febr. 8th 1933.

Dear Mr. Goodspeed.

Just a line to say that the Chinese Customs have been to my house here and verified the contents of the boxes and that they have been passed and sealed here. I have also received a letter from the ~~Chinese~~ French Consul here reading that the permit has been granted for the 26 cases to pass through Indo China and that the Governor General of Indo China has been asked to instruct the Customs authorities to allow the cases to be exported free of duty and unopened. Mr. Austin Glass of the Standard Oil Co. of N. Y. at Haiphong has kindly consented to take delivery of the cases and to ship them directly by the Steamer Canton on the 19th of this month to Hongkong where the cases will arrive on the morning of the 21st of February. I have written the agent of the Dollar Steamship line (Mr. Wilson) of Hongkong to take delivery of the cases and ship them on the first available Dollar boat to San Francisco. I will pay all charges up to Hongkong, handling etc, but freight if any between Hongkong and Sanfrancisco

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to be collected in San Francisco.
The cases are leaving tomorrow the 9th from Yokohama by Grand Vitesse Express, as by freight they would be three months on the way and the seeds would certainly spoil in the hot muggy weather of India China and Hongkong. The cost of sending three heavy cases of seeds by letter post registered would be much more than the entire express charges on all 26 cases and they would not arrive any sooner. So I hope you will approve of the sending everything by express. The boxes will be taken to the station this afternoon and I will continue this letter later telling you the cost of Express charges from here to Haiphong by rail 3 days journey. I will not know the cost of handling and shipping charges to Hongkong and the handling lighterage charges in the latter place until about I mean from now, but I hope you will in the meantime send me the money due to Shanghai. I will write again when I hear from Hongkong. I do not know by what steamer they will leave Hongkong as I have no sailing

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schedule, but I wrote Mr. Wilson to inform you when the shipment will leave Haiphong. You will probably receive it at the same time as this letter.

I have spent all day with the Customs, Railway Station, making out innumerable forms in quadruplicate and I must say I am glad that finally the shipment has gone, or will go tomorrow but it is out of my hands.

In order to avoid delay, I have once more written to the French Consul for a copy of the letter he gave me, to be sent to the French Customs on the other side of the river at Lao Kai, as otherwise the cases I was informed might be held up.

I have done all I could and I hope the cases will arrive safely. I paid Express Charges today at Haiphong on the shipment as follows: Grand Vitesse 26 cases Silver $450.40/100 or about Gold $100.00/100.

I will not know the charges in Piasters and Haiphong Dollars until later. Sincerely yours

J. F. Rock.

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Febnnary 9, 1933

Dr. Joseph F. Rock

Yunnanfu

My dear Dr. Rock:

Your letter of January 2 reached me yesterday, and I was very happy indeed to know that the collections are now in your hands. It was also a great relief to have your estimate of the number of herbarium sheets and the number of species represented by seed. We are looking forward to hearing more specifically as to the content of the collection after you have had a chance to go over it.

Recently I have had a final decision from Mr. R. Stanley Dollar, President of the Dollar Steamship Lines, as to the transport of the shipment from Hongkong to San Francisco. He kindly agrees to have it carried without charge, and, I believe, will see that his agent in Hongkong is informed of this arrangement. I originally had hoped that it would be possible to arrange with the Dollar Line to offer you free or reduced transportation when you return. This, however, seems to be out of the question because of the agreement between the various shipping concerns operating passenger service on the Pacific.

It occurs to me that possibly you may know of some one in Yunnanfu who is interested in old Chinese postage stamps, and that possibly you could obtain a few for me if the price were not too large. I would also much appreciate your obtaining for me one or two mandarin coats and possibly some small bits of jewelry. I think it would give me pleasure to be able to give Mrs. Goodspeed something which, in a general way, is related to the expedition. Do not have these personal requests at all on your mind. If they do not, however, prove an inconvenience, you could bring what you select along with you when and if you return to this country.

Once more, let me thank you for all your efforts and compliment you upon the apparently great success of the expedition. You cannot tell what a source of relief the happy outcome is. I have for so many months been concerned with its financing, and so many questions have arisen in my mind that I feel now that a great load is lifted from my shoulders.

All your friends here join in sending you all good wishes, and we hope that your health is once more established.

Very sincerely yours,

THG:ML

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Yunnanfu Febr. 11/33.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

Under separate cover I am sending you by registered letter post Four books, the notes on the plants collected. The legends for the labels you will have received. The plants have left and are today on the Indo China border.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

I remain,

very sincerely yours

Joseph F. Rock

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February 21, 1933

Dr. Joseph F. Rock

Yunnanfu

My dear Dr. Rock:

Yesterday I received your letter of January 15, and was very much pleased indeed to get the exceedingly favorable report of your analysis of such of the collections as you have gone through. I am noting very carefully your statement as to the way in which the specimens are numbered, and we, of course, will take the greatest pains when the shipment is received to unpack the plants and seeds very carefully in order that the numbers shall be entirely straight. I think it is a very good idea to mark the seed with the same number as the fruiting specimen. We are just engaged in trying to search through the inventories of the Plant Introduction Bureau in Washington to locate the herbarium numbers of your previous collections, plants of which we are growing only under the USDA importation numbers. Where we can get a corresponding herbarium number it will, in some cases, at least, be possible for us to get the determination as made at the Arnold Arboretum or at the Edinburgh Botanical Garden.

I have just received a letter from Mr. E. H. M. Cox, whose name, of course, you know as the companion of Farrer on his last expedition. Mr. Cox is publishing "The New Flora and Silva," and says:

> "I should be delighted to give Rock £20 for two articles of 3500 words each accompanied with photographs which might describe the flora and country from a botanical point of view in which he has been hunting. You know the kind of plant coll collecting article that we publish. Could you communicate my offer to him. Such articles need not enter into competition with anything he may have to write for the Geographical Magazine."

I pass this suggestion of Mr. Cox on to you. He may be addressed at 32, Old Bond Street, W.1, London.

I note your suggestion as to the shipment of the products of the expedition, and your willingness to prepay the express charges from Yunnan to Hongkong. The $500. which I mentioned as provision for cost of transportation will, I hope, cover the entire cost from Likiang to Hongkong at least. It is a relief to me that the seeds are to be sent in the boxes along with the herbarium specimens, because the cost of sending so much by mail would be very considerable, I suspect. Although I have been actively soliciting additional contributions during the last few months, my success has been practically nil, which is a commentary upon the financial conditions which exist in this country

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and in England. We will be able promptly to pay you the $3000. which, according to agreement, is payable upon the receipt of the products of the collection by us. I am also hopeful that we will at the same time repay these express charges which you have advanced. There is a possibility that this latter item may have to be deferred a little. You may rest assured, however, that ultimately you will be repaid. I hope that you understand my extreme desire to do exactly the proper thing by you financially, in view of your very great generosity in the matter of your own time and your collecting equipment and experience. It is a question of a very difficult time to secure money, plus a slow payment of pledges. I feel sure that you will understand the position that I am in, and also that since you are dealing with an institution like the University of California, you need feel no fear as to the ultimate adjustment of the financial situation.

I certainly appreciate to what an extent this work of yours has been, as you say, a labor of love, and I am exceedingly pleased that you feel glad to have carried it through. I know that it will be a source of satisfaction to you in the years to come, and I am hopeful that it may mean something material to you in time. Once more, many thanks for your interest and cooperation. I have no doubt that we will feel very highly repaid indeed for all the effort which has been put into the expedition at this end.

With all best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

THG:ML

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Yuma Ariz. March 19/83

Dear Dr. Goodspeed.

Your good letter of Febr. 9th just to hand. I am glad to learn that you seemed to be relieved re uncertainty of this expedition. I always told you don't be a doubting Thomas, However had there happened anything here I would have been the loser and not you for you had the money in Berkeley, but I had advanced it and had received nothing at that time. You said in one of your letters, that previously I worked under different conditions and that your institution was a State affair and hence could not make payments in advance. Allow me to say that I was for several years Agricultural Explorer for the U.S. Dept. of agriculture - working and while travelling for the U.S. Government I was paid salary, travelling allowance and funds for the Expedition I led, for 3 years in advance, and was made special disbursing agent of the U.S. Treasury otherwise, I would have been impossible to carry on exploration, for I don't think you will find any one

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who will not only do the work take the responsibility and — addition advance the funds. I am certain nobody will do it, and it is the first and last time that I have done it. You do not say anything — your letter that the remainder due me namely $3000.00 will be sent due on receipt of the plants and seeds; you simply say, once more let me thank you etc, if your part of the bargain was over. I most emphatically and kindly request you to not delay and send me the amount due me at your earliest convenience. As soon as I hear from Hongkong I will send you the bill re the charges of shipping the collection of 26 boxes from Tonkin to Hongkong and the local charges there for handling same. Inspite of the French Consuls letter and the American Consuls letter to the French authorities — Indo China the Customs charged transit-dues which were paid by the railway and collected from

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me through the Standard Oil Co of New York Haiphong branch who kindly transshipped the boxes for me to Hongkong.
I hope the shipment has now arrived and that you are busy planting the seeds.
Please do not wait for my bill for transshipping from Yunnanfu to Hongkong but deposit the money due me with the National City Bank of N. Y. Shanghai here Gold Dollar account. I have little money left out here and must request that payment be made as soon as possible.
As regards the buying of Mandarin coats I may say that here in this town nothing of the sort can be had, this is an out of the way wild place which produces nothing whatever of interest. The place for Mandarin coats is Peking. I shall endeavor to secure sets of stamps for you in the near future but even if Mandarin coats could be bought I am not in a position to advance anymore moneys.

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My health is not what it might be I am suffering from terrible headaches day in and day out so that work is next to impossible I expect to leave here by the end of May, but this must not make you think that I may want my money elsewhere, you must send it to Shanghai as previously arranged and guaranteed by you in your letter.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Remain,
Sincerely yours
Joseph F. Rock

P.S.
You still owe me for a cable sent to you in 1932 and for which I sent you receipt. You must not think that I can engage in expensive cable conversation on other peoples business.

J. F. R.

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Yunnanfu, March 24/33.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed.

Your good letter of Febr. 21st reached me today, and I want to thank you for it.

I am glad that you mention this time about the rest of the funds due me on receipt of collection 2 seeds. Please forgive my last letter, I was a bit worried especially these days as I have lost unfortunately a lot of money and am really hard up, and still ill in addition.

The boxes were shipped on February 21st from Haifong to Hongkong, I had written twice to Mr. Wilson of the Dollar agent and have sent an order on the American Express Co — Hongkong to pay the Dollar Co for expenditures connected with the shipment in Hongkong, as Express had been prepaid by me to Hongkong. So far I have had no reply from him or the agency to sent a Radio message to find out.

Yes the Plant Introd. Bur. — Washington never cares for Herbarium specimens and never ~~kept~~ numbers of the seed which were always identical with the ~~seed~~ fruiting specimens to facilitate identification; I have remonstrated with him several times, but had they kept a specimen of the plants of everything I sent they would have had to build a new house or room and this they did not want, [illegible] specimens were

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only interested in what Professor Sargent called
"Something to eat"
I am afraid Avocados and Mangoes don't
grow in this part of the world.
Doesn't Kew send hundreds of species of the Rose
family wild apples, pears, peaches, cherries
etc of all kinds and varieties and they must
have them growing somewhere, have you all
those plants.
Many of the seeds I sent kept unopened on
shelves, they said (that was years ago) I swamped
them and they had no time to send them out
or plant them. It was rather discouraging
them. Now with Ryerson busy things are
not in the axis as they used to be
Really Dr. Goodspeed if Mandarin coats could
be secured here would gladly get them, but you
have no idea what kind of a place this is
nothing can be had only the crudest bronze
or copper work, and some embroideries which
simply howl and scream and no body wears
them in any back yard. I enclose a set of
uncancelled stamps of all the issues available
here. If you want any more please let me know.
This particular set, if it is for you, and not for
someone else, please accept with my best wishes
and compliments. With kindest regards
always cordially yours
J. F. Rock.

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O.S.

I presume your wife have received the type written list for numbers and localities also the four note books.

I only repeat again that it was a labour of love. I did not tell you that once my men one party working north of the Peimashan range were nearly shot. The Tibetans of that region demanded from them 2 taels silver pr every specimen they were collecting on their (Tibetan) praying grounds, and when they surrounded my men, ~~[illegible]~~ and they parleyed with them one man drew his mauser pistol and wanted to shoot them. I took it up with the government here, which dispatched urgent messages to the Chinese Official in Atuntze to whom also my men went and complained, and we received complete satisfaction and redress. I was greatly worried all the time, for the Tibetans were at war with the Chinese, and the former became very bold. The Chinese took considerable territory and the Mekong at Yarkalo just across the Yunnan border — Bechuan is now under Lhasa.

The situation was very critical last year everywhere on the Tibetan border and I feared for the success of the expedition. I had much at stake than you had. However all ended well.

Yours

J. F. R.

over.

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O.L

It is difficult to get old [redacted] cancelled stamps for the correspondence with the interior does not amount to very much and there is no inland parcels post so higher denominations are scarce. The only way is to buy uncancelled sets and have them cancelled if you want that done. Please let me know if you want anymore and if so if you want them cancelled here.

J.F.R.

Enclosure: 41 stamps (value Mex $21.29.5).

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April 5, 1933

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
Yunnanfu
Yunnan Province, China

Dear Friend:-

The 26 cases arrived safely in San Francisco and we made the occasion somewhat of an event by obtaining newspaper and other publicity on the steamer, where the officers of the Dollar Line were good enough to segregate the shipment on the after deck. We are now in the throes of unpacking and arranging the seed and herbarium specimens. May I congratulate you on the success of the Expedition, at least as represented by the amount of the products? I feel sure that their quality is equally remarkable, and certainly we are immensely pleased with the character of the herbarium material.

The large number of seed packets is extremely gratifying, but also, as you can imagine, a source of some embarrassment to us in the matter of distribution. We had anticipated somewhat over 500 packets and the more than 1250 which you were able to send us means re-arrangement of our plans. This of course is all very favorable except that it necessitates securing additional funds for assistance, etc. As I have written you in the past, I am determined to put through the entire project without making any call upon the funds of the University. This means that seed envelopes, herbarium paper, and every item of assistance must all be provided for from contributions received off the campus. As a result, I am still struggling to obtain more money and am having a small measure of success -- possibly a large measure in consideration of the exceedingly bad times. You will in the near future, I think, receive $3000, which will be sent you according to your instructions.

You will be interested to know that W.W.Smith of Edinburg is to name the Primulas and related groups as soon as we can get the material to him. He will then propose to go on to the Rhododendrons. The sets of herbarium specimens will go to Edinburg, The Arnold Arboretum, the New York Botanical Garden, Morris Arboretum of the University of Philadelphia, and to all subscribers, directly or indirectly, to the Expedition Fund. We will then send of the remaining material to Kew and other herbaria on our exchange list. I am still hopeful of a contribution from the Missouri Botanical Garden and possibly one other herbarium, so that it is possible that all the complete sets will go to subscribers.

The seed that loses its viability early is to be distributed first, and we hope to be able to send out from 200 to 250 numbers of

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Primulas, Meconopsis, Magnolias, etc. by May first. Our Garden facilities will be taxed in growing from all the approximately 500 numbers of Rhododendron.

A great deal of publicity has attached to the Expedition and to the receipt of its products. Here at the University there is a great deal of gratification on the part of all the groups interested in botany. The credit belongs entirely to you, of course, and once more I wish to offer you my sincerest thanks for your very generous interest and enthusiasm. I must add also that we are particularly appreciative of your working out legends for herbarium sheets. These we are having printed.

I trust that you are by this time more thoroughly yourself physically. I was greatly distressed to read in your recent letter that you were suffering severe after effects of your illness of a year ago. I trust that the situation has rapidly improved in the interim. Many people ask as to your future plans add particularly as to whether you are planning to return to this country soon. Indeed many people were disappointed at the steamer when the shipment arrived because they expected that you would accompany it. This indicates how much, locally at least, this Expedition has added recognition to your most important work.

Once more, many thanks, and with all good wishes,

Yours cordially,

T. H. Goodspeed
Professor of Botany
Curator of the Botanical Garden

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Yunnanfu April 15/33.

Very dear Prof. Goodspeed.

About an hour ago I received a wire from my Shanghai bank stating that you had deposited to my Gold Dollar account U.S. $3000.00. I was greatly pleased to know that the balance had been paid, for it also means that the 26 boxes of plants and seeds had arrived safely in San Francisco. I was a bit worried, because I had written Mr. Wilson the agent of the Dollar Line twice, once before the shipment was sent and once at the time of sending it, but he did not reply after waiting for some time I sent him a Radio whereupon he replied by Radio saying that the 26 cases were shipped to San Francisco on March 1st. I enclose in my letter to him an order on the American Express Co in Hongkong to pay the Dollar Steam Ship Co their for handling charges etc in Hongkong. The order so far as I know had not been presented at the American Cepress Co in Hongkong for payment and I do not know what the charges were.

I will not charge you for bringing the plants etc from Likiang to Yunnanfu although it is quite an item for mule transport is pretty high now owing to the high cost of broad beans on which the mules are fed, the new crop not having come in yet. So I will be glad to donate that much to the expedition besides my personal services and equipment.

You will be good enough to pay for the express charges from here to Hongkong, [illegible]

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and shipping charges from here & Hongkong I will be grateful to you. I enclose Express Charges receipt and also the Standard Oil Co of Haiphong receipt for shipping and handling charges, the latter are — I.C. Piasters, also transit dues thro Indo China. Here in Yunnanfu we have four kinds of currencies and you can imagine how confusing it all is. There are two types of local currencies, an old paper currency, locally printed, which was once at par with silver some years ago, and another old paper currency the notes of which were printed — America. There is another new paper currency printed — America which for the moment is at par with silver, and there is a silver currency, but the latter has three different mintings, the old which is at par with Mex or Shanghai currency, then there is what is called the new mint which has copper in it, and the new, new mint which contains copper nickel and iron. I buried once 3000 dollars in the ground — Li Kiang on account of bandits, and when I dug the money up it was red from rust. 120 dollars of this latter currency is ~~the~~ worth 100 dollars of the second kind which has about 25% of copper in it and here turn green from verdigris. When you buy anything — a shop you have to pay with Indo China piasters which are on a gold standard. Gold 40 & here one piaster. The bill for express etc amounts to the following:

Express charges from Yunnanfu to Haiphong
Silver Mex 450.40 or paper #2251.90. = U.S.$ = 94.42

Freight etc from Haiphong to Hongkong
I.C. Piasters 8.00 } 12.20 = 4.88
4.20 }

transit dues through Indo China
Carriage & customs Red and Railway 26 cents } = 1.46
could have etc. Total U.S.$100.76.

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This amount you can deposit at your convenience with my Washington bank & my current account with the American Security and Trust Co 15th street and Pennsylvania Avenue Washington D.C.

Now as all has come to successful conclusion I would like to say that if in any of my letters I have offended you I hope you will forget it and forgive me for it & the difficult circumstances, severe illness not the least of it, under which I labored here. I hope we will remain as good friends as ever. If there is any information I can give or anything I can do for please let me know.

With kindest regard, always sincerely yours,

Joseph F. Rock.

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Yunnanfu April 21/83.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed.

I had a letter yesterday from Prof. W. W. Smith of Edinburgh, who writes that he had heard from you regarding your explorations. He is very keen on getting seeds of Rhododendrons and Primulas and I wonder if you could not see your way clear sending him seeds of such, especially of those of which there are a large quantity of seed available. You once wrote me and asked me that you would send seeds to such parties as I would indicate. I wrote him and said that I would write to you and ask you to send him some seed in view of the fact that I have given my services free and had advanced the money and furnished the necessary equipment. Hoping that you will be good enough to comply with his request, I remain,

cordially yours,

Joseph F. Rock.

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May 4, 1933

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
Yunnanfu
Yunnanfu Province
China

Dear Dr. Rock:

Some days ago I received your letters of March 19 and March 24, and I hope that you have sometime ago received notice of the deposit to your credit of $3000.00. There was some slight delay, due to certain misunderstandings in our Accounting Department, but the matter was successfully adjusted sometime ago.

I was greatly interested in your many comments as to the Expedition, particularly the unsettled state of the China-Tibet border and the experiences of some of the collecting parties. This is all interesting information to have in hand. We are making up a small scrapbook of all your letters and such publicity as the Expedition has obtained. It will be of historical interest.

I very much appreciate your great kindness in presenting to me this set of very interesting stamps which you enclose. They will add greatly to my own accumulation. Please do not worry at all about the mandarin coats which I referred to. It is a very small matter and it only occurred to me that possibly when you came to leave China, if you found something of interest you might bring it along with you. Please do not have the matter on your mind further.

We are in the midst of distributing the genera whose viability is not long retained, such as Primula, Mecanopsis, etc. The Rhododendron seed is now in large part sorted and ready for distribution. W.W.Smith of Edinburg has, as perhaps I have already told you, agreed to determine Primula and Rhododendron for us and to do it as expeditiously as possible. With exceedingly limited funds, it has been a real problem to know how to handle the sorting and distribution of the seed, but we are doing the best we can. You doubtless know that conditions are pretty serious in this country. We are now to have inflation. The University budget has been cut by the State Legislature more than one-fourth. Altogether it is exceedingly fortunate that we were not a year later with the Expedition. As I have told you, it has been a most heartbreaking task to raise the relatively small amount of money which I have succeeded in securing. From now on, it will be quite

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impossible to obtain anything, in my opinion.

May I once more thank you most sincerely for your great contribution to the work which we are here attempting to do. I may say a great deal of enthusiasm is being expressed in all quarters about the character of the collections. A number of large American institutions who have taken shares are anxious to obtain seed of everything which you collected. In this connection, you will be interested to know that the seed is germinating excellently and the seedlings are exceedingly vigorous. I have often been told recently that this is one of the characteristics of the seed which you collect -- that it is ripe, in good quantity, and always gives not only high germination but healthy, rapidly growing seedlings. May I again congratulate you on your success?

All yourfriends here join in best wishes and in the hope that your health is again fully restored.

Yours cordially,

T. H. Goodspeed
Professor of Botany
Curator, Botanical Garden

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Can you give me tomorrow Tuesday afternoon evening in Berkeley stop Must make many arrangements in advance so ~~please~~ telegraph me at once if agreable stop. [redacted] on arrival in S.F. please telephone Vandevere your hotel so that I can call for you

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Sincerely

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Dep. Bot.

By phone
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May 7, 1934

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
c/o American Consulate
Yunnanfu

Dear Friend:

We were happy to have your good letter of April 7, written on board the PRESIDENT PIERCE. Our brief visit with you on the boat will always be an occasion which we will remember with great happiness. It made me realize how little time we were able to have together, and since then there have been a great variety of things which have come into my mind which I wish I could have talked over with you.

I hope that you are going to take it easy, at least during the first months of your return to China, and still I know that it is going to be hard for you not to want to get into the work again immediately.

You were good enough to suggest that we might call upon you for desiderata. The particular thing that I have at present in mind is keeping up our contacts with you in the matter of seeds of rare or interesting horticultural material from Asia. I have no doubt that a good share of the seed collected by others may be going through your hands ultimately, and where possible or convenient we would much appreciate your bearing us in mind. The particular point in this connection is that so much interest and enthusiasm has been aroused in connection with the distribution to amateur gardeners in California of the seed you collected for us that I am anxious to keep the interest alive in the thought that at some future time another expedition can be organized, the financing of which would not constitute such a serious problem as did the last expedition.

When I saw you at the boat I asked you whether you would be good enoughtto send me a letter of introduction to Mr. Charles R. Crane, whose address I think is Palm Springs. I believe I told you that I knew him and his daughters in the old days in Chicago. I would propose to approach him on the possibility that he might be willing to support the work of this Botanical Garden. My particular plea would be that the Garden was so poor at the present time that we were going to have the greatest difficulty in growing a fair representation of plants from the seeds you collected. This is really a serious situation if for no other reason because this Garden should, in the future, be headquarters for further seed of the species that prove important scientifically and horticulturally. If we are not able to grow the species and follow them carefully as to labels and numbers and obtain seed from them, it is quite probable that some of the best things, which probably will be hardest to grow, will be lost. I know of Mr.

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Crane's interest in you and your work, and it occurs to me that an unusually favorable opportunity is thus provided. It may be that you have any one of a number of reasons why you would prefer not to give me a letter of introduction, but in case you can it might possibly be well to mention the situation described above.

Some time ago I asked the publicity department of the Dollar Lines to send me copies of the pictures which they took on the steamer when you sailed. They have sent me only the enclosed, of which I obtained two prints. Mrs. Goodspeed, of course, protests that it is not a representative image of herself, and with such a statement a man must always agree. However, I was unwilling to cut off her share of the picture before sending to you as she requested me to do.

We all join in heartiest greetings to you. Please remember to let us hear from you often.

Very cordially yours,

THGoodspeed:ML

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Yunnanfu May 11/33.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed.

Many thanks for your good letter of April 5th. I was exceedingly glad to hear that the boxes arrived safely and that you are pleased with the results of the expedition. Had I been able to go myself as I had planned I am certain the collection would have been much better as regards the quality, that is rarety of species and probably new species. In many ways it was not a favorable time, for during the time the expedition was in progress there was heavy fighting between Tibet proper and China. Lhasa had sent a good sized army and territory that I had intended to explore the Nyato Kawalori mountains and the region south of Kanze also Derge etc was, the bone of contention and has fallen into the hands of the Tibetans.

Nyato Kawalori aught to be exceedingly interesting it is a high snow range north west of Minya Konka and similar to the Likiang snow range is cut in half by a river, here the Jalung which forms terrific gorges some 10000 - 12000 ft deep and in which in an amphitheater is situated the town of Nyarung.

Perhaps some other time it will be possible to do it, when financial times are better and I shall either be well or dead and then you may send someone else there. The American Consul just sent me a letter from a nurseryman in Portland Oregon who wants seeds of Rhododendrons, [illegible] and

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told him to write to you as I had sent a lot of Rhodos. to you and that you would probably sell some to him.

Now I would like to ask a favor of you if I may. I would like very much to secure seeds of as many species of Eucalyptus as possible for Yunnan. The Government here has been very good to me and I should like to give them seeds of as many Eucalyptus as possible including the common E. globulus; and of the showy Eucalyptus ficifolius. I know that they all grow in California and I am sure you will not mind sending me some of such as are available. I have sent many seeds of Rhododendrons etc to the Golden Gate park in years past, and have asked them nearly two years ago to send me seeds of the Douglas spruce, and of the two species of Sequoias, but they never even replied. They did send me once some Eucalyptus seeds. ~~So~~ They did not show much of a spirit of cooperation, for every-time I sent seeds to Washington I always said please do send as many as possible to the Golden Gate park. I know you will not fail me and send me a pair lot of seeds of the above, and a variety of vegetable seed the men who have been working hard collecting the seeds and plants I sent you would like to enrich their vegetable diet and I said I would get them seeds of California vegetables. They do not care so much about lettuce as various beans (Lima beans, corn, cabbage, tomatoes cauliflower, string beans, butter beans, peas, beets, radish, etc. Please send (by express with charges reversed value) to Yunnan as soon as possible. Sincerely yours J. F. Rock.

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P.S. I wonder if you would be so kind and do me favor?

Please buy me (on Market Street San Francisco in a Stationary Shop) 5 (Five) Record Books, They are marked B&P. No 686½ they are the Standard B & P Record Books of 300 Pages with margin line. no 686½. I use these Record books exclusively for my diaries. Please send by registered Book post in two parcels if necessary. Do not send by parcels post as then I have to pay duty and a parcel post tax of 11.50 Dollars extra. If sent by book post Registered they arrive as quickly as a letter and there is no tax of any kind. Please pack well in card board. On receipt of bill will send check. If I charge you for Express on the 26 boxes freight etc at the rate of exchange I quoted I shall loose about 25% of the actual outlay, for the Exchange is 396 now. nearly a hundred Mex. less than when I paid the express Charges. Are you willing to make good the difference?

J. F. R.

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it would contain as much territory as possible especially all the important trade marts in the west and west as Tatsienlu and Yekundo, (Derge) & Sining. This is the game Great Britain is playing.

She is also encroaching on Yunnan in the north west and a few years ago annexed the region of Hsen-na which was once indisputable Yunnan Territory. On its maps of Burma and Yunnan Great Britain includes the territory of the upper Hkai Ka = the eastern branch of the Irrawadi even of the Salween as belonging to Burma but Chinese magistrates still administer the country, it has always been Chinese. Such is the situation. Please do not publish these remarks they are for your own consumption. I would appreciate if you would kindly send me the determinations of the plants collected as soon as they become available. Have you received the 4 note books I sent you?

With kindest regards

Always sincerely yours

Joseph F. Rock

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regions which at no time have been controlled by the Tibet. The Dalai Lama is getting old and according to prophesy there will be only 13 Dalai Lamas the present one is the 13th. A feud exists between the Dalai Lama and the Panchen Lama, the latter I know personally. The former is pro British the latter pro Chinese, & he is also younger than the Dalai Lama and hates the British. Should the present Dalai Lama die there would be an interim for about 18 - 20 years till another Dalai be old enough to take the reigns into his hand. Russia would certainly become active and China also with the help of the Panchen Lama who has a great following in Tibet, and he would be most distasteful to Great Britain, hence she fosters the Tibetan Nationalism and hopes Tibet to take advantage of China's predicament at the present day to take as much territory as possible including Tachienlu which was never Tibetan but is included in British Maps of Tibet. So when the time comes, which it must sooner or later, Tibet or part of it will be under the protection of England (the first step)

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Yunnanfu June 2/33.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed,

Your good letter of May 4th just to hand. Many thanks for it. It is very gratifying to learn that you and your friends interested in Botany are pleased and enthusiastic about the character of the collection. I am only hope that some day not in the too distant future (for I am not getting younger) I will be able to lead an expedition to Zayul, especially the northwestern slopes of it which I still hold is the center of distribution of Rhododendrons. There is still a large work to be done in the west for the Salween-Irrawady divide has just been scratched, and from the Kenichunggo range west and north to Zayul practically nothing has been done. Of that is undertaken one must live in that region for two years or more. One year is impossible as it is imperative to get out before October. The passes in those regions are oversnowed by the early October and yet the seeds of some of the Rhodos don't ripen until November. There is also the journey to the passes, not only over the Zayul range but also over the

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Salwin and Mekong divide and it takes, or would take with large collection and ones hands, at least 1½ months to get to the Mekong. The time to get out would be in June; having spent from September of one year to June ~~the~~ Years of the next year. Thus one could comb the country thoroughly at all seasons and that is the only way to do it. Another year could profitably be spent on the Nyato Kawalori Pass which walks the Salwin River forming a tremendous gorge. Fighting has again broken out between Tibet and China. China has ceded to Tibet the Yunnan Road along the Mekong in Yeckman and part of Yunnan and it rates ~~near~~ the region near Yerkalo on the Yeckman-Yunnan border in the extreme Northwest of this province. The Road from Batang to Yunnan is now in the hands of Lhasa controller Tibet. Lhasa troops are again on the offensive, being armed with ~~Tibetan~~ English Enfield Rifles. It is a very interesting situation and is undoubtedly fostered by Great Britain. The latter country on its maps of Tibet includes

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Yunnanfu ~~May~~ June 3/93.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed.

In continuation of my letter yesterday I would like to say that it is my intention to publish a Phytogeography of the whole of west China and East Tibet from Kiang up to South-west Mongolia. I have literally thousands of photographs to choose from and knowing the country thoroughly I am in a position to do so. I have kept very copious notes and as complete diaries as circumstances permitted. I should like to publish in addition a list with note, of all the plants I have collected in my various expeditions and I want your help and assistance in this matter. I shall first go to Europe to work at the various Herbaria especially Kew, Edinburgh, Berlin, Vienna and Paris, then shall come to America and continue my labours there. You see in spite of everything I am still ambitious. When that is finished I hope to go on another Expedition my cravening work, and then finally I would like to die — the field like a soldier on the battlegrounds, but mine shall be a peaceful one.

Now my dear Dr. Goodspeed do you think

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this feasable, and where would be the best place
to publish it. I would not mind contributing
a few thousand dollars myself towards
the publication of such a work. I want plenty
of plates for photos tell more than words
and as you know my photos ~~etc~~ give plenty
of details etc.

Now one more word as to the collection I
sent you. In one of the boxes there was a
package of lichenes and these as I wrote
you belong to Dr. Zahlbruckner of Vienna.
They were collected a year before your expedition
started and were expressly collected for Dr. Zahlbruckner.
I had written him that you would send
them to him. You did not send them directly to
him owing to the trouble with the customs.
They would have been opened in India China,
every parcel is opened and pays a transit tax
through India China, and I am sure they
would have been lost. So I sent them to you
to be forwarded to him. I told you in one of
my letters that if you like you could keep one
specimen of each, but Dr. Zahlbruckner will de-
termine them. It may be best to send the whole
lot and I will ask him to give me a specimen
of each (determined) and I will give it to you.
I am in honor bound to send these lichenes
to Dr. Zahlbruckner, as I have promised
them so please send them.

Sincerely yours
J. F. Rock

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May 17, 1933

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
Yunnanfu
Yunnan Province, China

Dear Friend:

I have just received your letter of April 15, together with the receipted bills, etc. for additional expenses. I believe that very shortly a check in amount $100 will be paid in, as you request, to the American Security and Trust Company of Washington, D.C.

I want to thank you very sincerely for the extremely interesting reprint which has just arrived. I have been reading it with great pleasure, and have a still higher regard for your attainments. I say this in all sincerity, because recently I have been receiving most enthusiastic accounts of your past successes as a plant hunter. Only yesterday I had a letter from Mr. Lionel de Rothschild in which he said that the seed you collected was always good in amount, geminated well, and gave exceptionally strong seedlings. Again, a letter received today from McLaren at Bodnant expresses great enthusiasm about the products of the Expedition and contains the request that I extend his personal congratulations to you. May I say that each day we appreciate more clearly the splendid character of the collections which you have sent to us. Everyone here is extremely enthusiastic and we are very happy to find that the seed of all genera so far tried germinate quickly and well.

Please have no question in your mind about having offended me in any way. I have throughout appreciated the extremely difficult conditions under which you were working and only thought that possibly you did not realize quite how difficult my position was at this end. It is rather a nightmare to feel financially responsible for an expendition such as the one that you have carried out! Many times I wishes that I had never had anything to do with it! Now, of course, I am exceedingly happy to have had a small share in making the expedition successful.

I hope the opportunity may soon come to see you again and to talk over in detail many of the matters which would be of very great mutual interest. In the interim, please accept my best wishes and my hope that your health is steadily improving.

Yours very cordially,

T. H. Goodspeed
Professor of Botany
Curator, Botanical Garden

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May 25, 1933

Dr. J. F. Rock

Yunnanfu, China

My dear Dr. Rock:

Your letter of April 21, addressed to Professor Goodspeed, is here this morning. Mr. Goodspeed is in Chicago, installing an exhibit on his x-ray work at the Exposition. However, the matter about which you ask, i.e., the sending of seeds from your expedition to Mr. Smith at Edinburgh, has been taken care of. A small packet of everything has been sent them, with the very few exceptions where the seed was so very scant that there was only enough for our work here. The Rhododendron, Primula, Meconopsis, and a few others have already gone; indeed, must now be in their hands, and other genera will be forwarded as rapidly as they can be handled.

We have been having a great deal of pleasure in the handling of the seed and specimens, they are in such fine condition, and all the seed that we have planted has grown so readily and in such high percentage that we rather gloat over it.

Mr. Goodspeed will undoubtedly write you again upon his return to Berkeley about the middle of June.

Sincerely,

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July 11, 1933

Dr. Joseph F. Rock

Yunnanfu, China

My dear Dr. Rock:

I have been in the east for some weeks, which explains my lack of response to your letter of May 11. Now I have your interesting letters of June 2 and 3.

First of all I call your attention to the enclosed slip which we have prepared for your herbarium specimens. Of course there will be other similar ones with definite localities. It occurred to me that you might be interested in seeing these labels.

A correspondent has sent me a clipping about a proposed expedition by Kingdon-Ward which I have had copied and am enclosing in the thought that it may be of interest to you.

I will take up as soon as possible the question of obtaining the seeds which you would like to have. Unfortunately we have practically none of them in our garden accumulations, and as yet I do not know whether it will be possible to obtain the seed except by purchase. If and when I can get a shipment together, it will go forward to you as you request. We will also get for you in the near future the record books which you mention. I believe that they can be bought with University funds. At any rate I feel sure that there will be no charge to you.

As to the express charges you mention, I do not understand exactly what is involved. Presumably the extra cost to you has been met in accordance with an earlier letter by a deposit of $100.00 made to your account in the American Security and Trust Company at Washington, D. C. on May 29. This amount and the method of deposit were in accordance with your request.

I am sorry that I did not tell you that we received the four notebooks you sent. They, of course, formed the basis for our seed distribution and arrangement of the herbarium material. As to the determinations, we will, fo course, send them to you as soon as they are available. The Primulas, Meconopsis and Rhododendron have gone to England for determination. It will, of course, be some time before everything is brought together, and we are expecting to publish a check list to assist those who in one way or another will be growing from the seed which you sent; in other words, the thirty or more contributors to the expedition fund in this country and abroad, and some fifteen of the larger botanical gardens in the world.

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I applaud your proposal to prepare a phytogeggraphy of western China and eastern Tibet. I believe that this will be an extremely important contribution scientifically, and, as you say, your many photographs, judiciously used, will make such a book immensely valuable. I note that you would propose to work up your material in European herbaria, and this I know you could do very successfully. On the basis of my experiences in these herbaria during a recent visit to Europe I would say you would receive all possible cooperation. I note you do not mention the herbarium at Leningrad, but doubtless you had it in mind, since, of course, it contains many types of the plants you deal with. As to the publication of your work, I feel sure, particularly if you are in a position to yourself make an appropriation toward the cost of publication, the Press of this University would be happy to consider the proposal. As you perhaps know, we publish a considerable number of scientific series, and also independent works. We are not a commercial press, and emphasize the publication of scholarly contributions irrespective of their saleability. For this reason, with a very expensive book such as yours would be, a contribution by the author is often necessary, particularly in these times of financial stringency.

As to the lichens concerning which you wrote in an earlier letter, I find that they were forwarded to Vienna on May 17.

I am very much interested in all of your firsthand comments on situations political and otherwise in the regions you know so well. I can appreciate the great difficulties under which the expedition you made for us was carried on, and am doubly grateful to you for making it such a success. We continue to receive the most favorable comments upon the seeds, and the experts who have examined the herbarium material are very enthusiastic.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

T. H. Goodspeed
Professor of Botany and
Curator, Botanical Garden

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Encl.

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Limmanfu Aug. 12/33.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed,

Your good letter of July 11/33 just to hand. I had heard through your secretary that you had gone to Chicago and that you would be back during July.

Thank you for securing the Record Books for me and also the seeds. Shall be glad to pay for them if there is no other way of getting them. The $100 for express etc I have received having been notified of the bank. I meant in my last letter that the 100 dollars deposited to your were actually worth only 2/3 of the 100 dollars I spent out here, for I expended the money before America went off the gold standard and I reckoned the exchange before that time. While when you reimbursed me the exchange had dropped over 100 points. However it does not matter much, the loss amounts to a little over 30 dollars U.S. not $30 gold. in other words the amount

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I paid out is about $130 U.S. currency and not $100 gold, you paying me in U.S. Currency not U.S. Gold. Nevermind about it.

I shall leave here for Europe by the end of September and my address will be: C/o American Consulate General Vienna Austria. Yes I know that Prjevalski's and Roborofski's types are at Leningrad but with my diplomatic passport which I carry I am afraid I will not be able to get to Russia. I hope to spend about a year in Europe after which I will come to America to see you, and after a visit to Hawaii, will return to China once more. I shall be very glad to avail myself of the opportunity to have my Phytogeography published at your University Press but am not so sure if I will be able to contribute personally towards the cost of printing owing to the low rates of interest at

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which is cutting down my income considerably.

Eventually I expect to settle in Peking or perhaps Hawaii, all will depend on my state of health, and finances.

I hope the Record book will arrive before I leave, also the seeds.

Many thanks for securing back forme. Thank you for sending the lichenes to Dr. Zahlbruckner. It is much easier to explore in Tibet proper ~~[illegible]~~ with the assistance and approval of the Tibetan Government of Lhasa (of course only good for Lhasa controlled Tibet) but one must be an Englishman otherwise one is barred. To work in the far Northwest of China or N. E. Tibet is another story, for there no one practically is in control except the bandits, both Chinese and Tibetan.

Glad to hear that the seeds are growing!

With kindest regards,

always faithfully yours

Joseph F. Rock

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September 7, 1933

Dr. J. F. Rock
Yunnanfu, China

My dear Dr. Rock:

We are just in receipt of determinations on the Primula and Rhododendron from your 1932 collections, which have been made for us by Sir William Wright Smith, and I hasten to forward you copies of these for your records. Everyone who has seen the collections speaks of their quality in the very highest terms, and we are very happy indeed to have these reactions. The Primula and Rhododendron distributions are now being made by our Herbarium.

The notebooks for which you asked have been forwarded some time ago, we gave explicit directions to our Mailing Division about them, and we hope that they will reach you in proper order.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

T. H. Goodspeed
Professor of Botany and
Curator, Botanical Garden

THG:ML

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September 29, 1933

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
Care American Consul General
Vienna, Austria

Dear Friend:-

I was happy indeed to have your letter of August 12 and to note that appearently your health has improved. I am sorry that the report books were not sent out in time to catch you before your proposed departure late in September. Possibly your plans were somewhat altered and you remained in China sufficiently long to receive them.

As to the seed, I have not been able to carry out your instructions as yet. I have accumulated certain seed, but I do not believe that it will be what you want. You know how difficult it is to fill a blanket request. I have the matter in mind, however, and will do what I can. Possibly you might tell me to whom I should send the seed in China.

Once more may I express my pleasure at your proposal to prepare a phytogeography of western China and Tibet? How useful it will be, I can well appreciate, since in connection with the experiences I have had, I have found great difficulty in getting such information as I wanted. You will understand that my agreement that we should be glad to publish your proposed volume in the University Press here was an entirely unofficial statement. We have a series of rules and regulations governing the Editorial Committee of this University (a committee which passes upon all manuscripts and methods for publication of manuscripts in the University Press). Your manuscript would therefore have to pass through the usual routine, and since the University's appropriations are being very severely cut, there might be some delay in publication if your volume was accepted. For this latter reason, I was pleased to note in your original suggestion that you might be able to assist in the financing. By the time ths manuscript is prepared, it is possible that you will once more feel in a position to do so.

Again, many thanks for your interest and cooperation. The products of the expedition are attracting a great deal of attention and we are looking forward eagerly to the blooming of the Primulas, which are most of them in good condition in our Botanical Garden. We are just now sowing the Rhododendrons and are looking forward to seeing them also. I believe that the list of determinations of the Primulas and Rhododendrons made for us by Sir William Wright Smith of Edinburgh has been for-

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warded to you. If not, they will go forward to you in the near future.

I hope that you will let me know how you are getting on from time to time. All your friends here join in best wishes.

Yours very cordially,

T. H. Goodspeed
Professor of Botany
Curator, Botanical Garden

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Yunnanfu Oct. 14/33.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed.

Many thanks for your letter and the list of Rhododendrons and Primulas. I hope you will be so good and give me the names of the other plants also.

The 5 note books came two days ago - paid order, no duty to pay or Francis tax which I would have had to pay had they been sent parcels post with a customs declaration. The seed I am sorry to say have never shown up. I hoped you would keep them would gladly have reimbursed you.

Now I am definitely leaving on the 19th of this month for Europe. My address will be care of American Consulate General Vienna Austria.

Under separate cover I am sending you seed of a tree, I cannot think of the name of it and my books have all been packed up and gone. It grows on the mountains here, is a fine tree with very fragrant flavors yellow flowering - December and January.

Hope you will succeed growing it.

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here is little news, Rothschild has invited me to his place in England and I shall visit him in spring, also his cousin at Tring.

I am glad to learn that everybody is pleased with the quality of the plants but am sorry to see that there are hardly any new species among them. Had I been able to go myself it would have been a different story but alas the country I had planned to explore became closed by Tibetan occupation. I have a scheme of sending my collectors with a tea caravan to Lhasa and have them collect plants both going and coming. That region from the Mekong (Shu la yao) to Lhasa is entirely unexplored and so is the great Tang la range and many new Primulas will come to light & I am certain they will also collect seed. I shall wait a year and then return to Yunnan to organize that expedition but the British must not know anything about it & so please say nothing or they will stop him. Many thanks for book, letter & list.

Cordially yours
J. F. Rock.

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UNITED STATES LINES

On Board S.S. Washington

March 4th.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed,

Just a line to say that I am now on my way to New York from London. I was with Lionel de Rothschild at Exbury and saw his wonderful Rhododendron garden. I also spent a day at Tring with Lord Rothschild. I was ill in London and had to go to a nursing home for 12 days but feel much better. I sail from San Francisco for Honolulu on March 23d. Shall be in Hawaii until April 25th when I sail for China. I expect to settle in Peking. Looking forward to seeing you

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I remain with best wishes
Cordially yours
J. F. Rock.

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The St. Regis
New York

March 1/34,

Dear Dr. Jaepeed,

Just a line of greetings and to say that I shall be in San Francisco about the 25th of this month. I sail on the 30th for Honolulu and thence ~~[illegible]~~ on April 20th to China (Peking).

Hope you will be in Berkeley and that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you.

With kindest regards,
always cordially yours
J. F. Rock.

address. c/o
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San Francisco.

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March 18/34.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed.

Thank you for yours wire. I had to postpone my sailing from San Francisco to april 6th on the Pres. Pierce; I will not be able the in San Francisco on the 26th as much as I would like to. It is probable that I will arrive in San Francisco about the 1st or 2nd of april will wire you definitely. Looking forward to seeing you I remain always cordially yours

J. F. Rock.

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April 6, 1934

Dr. Jos F. Rock
c/o S. S President Pierce
San Francisco

Dear Friend:

I wonder whether you would care to send me a letter of introduction to Mr. Chas. R. Crane. As I told you, I knew him and his daughters in the old days in Chicago, and I have no doubt that he would remember me, but still I would prefer in addition to have a letter of introduction.

It would be of great help to me if you would care in this letter to refer to your interest in our Botanical Garden, such enthusiasm as you may have about what we have done, and particularly what we plan to do in Strawberry Canyon, and some confirmation of your kind statement to me that you will look forward in the future to cooperating with us in the matter of obtaining through you new and rare plants from Asia. With such a letter from you it might be possible for me to persuade Mr. Crane to assist us financially in our Strawberry Canyon and Botanical Garden project. I am on the point of starting a campaign for funds and have the names of a number of other wealthy and influential men in mind, and the success of the campaign which I hope can be set at not less than one million dollars will depend upon securing the active support of some one of these gentlemen. In other words, as you know, the way in which to do that sort of thing is to get one man whose name carries weight to sign on the dotted line, and then his friends and persons corresponding wealth and importance throughout the country feel much more confidence in the project.

There may be reasons why you would prefer not to relate yourself in the case of Mr. Crane to this campaign. If so I will understand entirely.

May I say once more how very appreciative I am personally of your past and continued interest in what I am trying to do. The University is immensely gratified by this recent expression of your good will.

With all good wishes and the hope that your health will steadily improve, I am

Very cordially yours,

THGoodspeed: ML

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DOLLAR STEAMSHIP LINES

NEW YORK - CALIFORNIA
TO THE ORIENT AND
ROUND THE WORLD



ON BOARD

Pres. Pierce April 7th/34.

My dear Mr. & Mrs. Goodspeed.

It was very nice of you to come to the boat to see off a lonely traveller bound for the vast spaces of East Asia, where I have spent lonely and yet happy years.

Your send off brought joy to my heart, it is nice to have friends, and I hardly can recollect a place in this wide world where I had no friend to see me depart and wish me God speed.

If there is anything I can

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do for you please do not hesitate to call on me.

My address will be c/o American Consul Yunnanfu, Yunnan China.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

always cordially yours

Joseph F. Rock.

Please give my kind greetings to your daughter and son.

J. F. R.

P.S. If the picture taken by the reporter of us three is available please send me a copy.

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Yokohama. January 1st/95.

My dear Dr. & Mrs. Goodspeed.

This will introduce dear my very dear friends Dr. & Mrs. A. J. Watson who have been in charge of the British Hospital here in Yokohama for the last seven years. Dr. Watson and family are returning to England via New York on the Pres. Pierce and will be in San Francisco for a day or so. Any thing that you can do to make their short stay pleasant will be highly appreciated by me.

With Kindest regards and best wishes

Cordially yours,

Joseph F. Rock.

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Yunnanfu January 16/35

Dear Prof. Goodspeed.

I am afraid I have never acknowledged the receipt of the photo you so kindly sent me, taken on board the steamer Mrs. Pierce of Mrs. Goodspeed and myself. Please forgive me for not having written sooner.

I hope sincerely that all the plants or cakes we sent you are growing fine at your Arboretum. And as there was an opportunity of getting last winter seeds of the finest Delphiniums going I take pleasure in sending you a packet.

It is the loveliest Delphinium growing and comes from the foot of a glacier on the Li Kiang snow range, where it is endemic. It is Delphinium Li Kiang ense and has huge blue (steel blue) flowers and glossy dark green leaves forming [illegible] rosettes.

I hope you will succeed growing it.

With kindest regards to you & Goodspeed and Mrs. Goodspeed, always

Cordially yours

28 Shi Chia Pie Joseph F. Rock.

Yunnanfu.

P.S. A very good friend of mine a Dr. A. J. Watson M.D. from Yunnanfu is leaving for England via America and I took the liberty of giving him a letter of introduction to you.

J. F. R.

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February 14, 1935

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
28 Shi Chiao p'u
Yunnanfu, China

Dear Friend:

I cannot tell you how relieved I was a few moments ago to see a letter in the familiar handwriting waiting for me in my mail box. We had not heard from you since your departure from San Francisco, and although I have made many inquiries in various quarters, no one seemed to have heard from you. I was afraid that your indisposition here in America had proved serious, and this worried me because I was afraid that perhaps there might be something that I could do for you if I could get into touch with you. Your letter, however, gives indication that you are well and have, indeed, been doing some collecting.

I am very happy, indeed, to have seed of Delphinium Likiangense. We will grow it with great interest and I will take the the liberty of sending a notice of its collection to officials of the Delphinium Society.

I am now in the throes of attempting to secure funds permitting the establishment of an "Himalayan Area" in our Botanical Garden. We have selected what I believe will be a very favorable site along a stream which, in its upper reaches, runs through the Rhododendron Dell which you saw when you were here. We are having the basic developments put in, such as a water system, and by damming the stream in certain places and bringing down spring water from the hillsides, we are creating pools and artificial moraines. Altogether I believe that it is as favorable an area for the propagation of Himalayan plants as any which could be devised in this country or in Europe. I have hesitated to grow more than a very small amount of the seed which we received from you two years ago. When the expedition went out, I had assurance that the University would provide me money to grow the important products of the expedition. In the interim the University's financial situation has been so unfavorable that additional funds for the Botanical Garden have not been forthcoming. I waited patiently for such assistance, but now I find it necessary to go out myself on another money hunting campaign. You will be interested to know that Mr. Charles R. Crane has generously agreed to make an initial contribution of $500 toward the establishment of the "Himalayan Area", and I am hopeful that in the future he may feel in a position to do still more. I am proposing to get at least $5000 within the next six months and then keep steadily at a campaign to secure an endowment of $75,000 to $100,000. This endowment fund campaign may take five to ten years. In this connection

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I would very much appreciate your writing me a brief statement which I could use in this money raising campaign. We have distributed so much of the seed that you collected to garden enthusiasts throughout the State, and I have referred to you and your work so often in the popular lectures which I have been asked to give, that your name is a household word along the Pacific Coast in garden circles, and you are looked upon as an oracle! Therefore, if you could write me a page or two expressing your interest in the "Himalayan Area" project, your belief that it would be a unique contribution and that we should be successful in the propagation of the plants that you are interested in, and finally, giving some expression to your enthusiasm for our Botanical Garden project in Berkeley and repeating your kind offer of continued cooperation, this would be of the very greatest assistance to me in forwarding a project which I feel sure is of as great interest to you as it is to me.

I will look forward to meeting your friend, Dr. A. G. Watson. The picture taken the day you left is one of our most treasured possessions.

Mrs. Goodspeed and I join in all good wishes to you. Please let us hear from you more often.

Yours very cordially,

T. H. Goodspeed

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON

DIVISION OF
~~FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTION~~
PLANT EXPLORATION AND INTRODUCTION

Yunnanfu May 25/33.

Dear Prof. Goodspeed.

Thank you so much for your letter of recent date and glad to know that the seeds of delphinium likiangense reached you safely. This autumn should I be still here which I hope for there is nothing so far to take me away, I will get you seeds of the various Rhododendrons and Primulas to be found around Yunnanfu on the mountains.

I am now putting the finishing touches on my first volume on the History and Geography of the ancient Nakhi Kingdom which practically comprises the whole of Northwest Yunnan and part of S. W. Szechuan. I am very anxious to get the volume of the press this autumn. It will contain about 300 plates and 500 pages of text. Now there is one ~~thing~~ matter I would like to have your help. In 1931, on March 27th I collected specimens of a Rhododendron in the district of Hapa (Haba) in Chungtien territory in a valley called Shui chien tao, and on the mountains above it at a pass called Han p'o ling a peculiar

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1-2 ft high

Composite shrub, with short needle-like leaves and small flowerheads. I sent you these specimens with the collection made in 1932. I have kept no record of the numbers however. Do you think you could give me the determination of these two plants? The Rhododendron is a striking species, probably akin to Rhod. hemitrichum if I am not mistaken. It may be however an entirely different species as I do not recall having seen quite that type. It grew in pine forest as undergrowth on the dry slopes, and was about 6-10 ft tall. The flowers were quite large the size of Rhod. chartophyllum. They were pink while and deep rose red. 32.24040 531 32.24058 541

Now I would like ask you an other favor if I may. I shall be working next on my phytogeography of west China and should like very much to have the field notes of the plants collected for the University of California in 1932. If I have all my other field notes that is copies of them, and should be very grateful if you would let me have a typewritten copy of the field notes sent with the plants in 1932. Also any other determinations you may have received since you sent me the list of Rhododendrons and Primulas. The Communists have come and gone and all danger is past and so I can continue my labors. In a few days I will sit down and write you the short paper you wish from my pen to help raise funds for a Himalayan garden project. Until then believe me ever always sincerely yours J. F. Rock

Kindly regards to Mrs. Rockwell. Have enclosing seeds of Rhododendron edgeworthii.

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October 4, 1935.

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
Yunnanfu, Province of Yunnan, China

Dear Dr. Rock:

It is altogether too bad that your inquiries of May 25 have not been taken care of sooner. The reply was held up in the first place to permit Mr. Brydon whom you may remember as our Rhododendron propagator, to try to straighten out the matter of the specimens of R. hemitrichotum. After that, and before it was possible to write you on that point, we got tangled up in Dr. Goodspeed's preparations for a collecting expedition in the Andes. He sailed from San Francisco on September 20, arriving in Lima on October 11, and is now somewhere between that point and Santiago. The party will spend three or four months working through the mountains in an effort to further his research problem on Nicotiana. He has with him two collectors from here, and they hope to bring home many ornamental species as well as the research material.

Meantime, Mr. Brydon has been unable to arrive at any very definite information for you with regard to these two specimens. Your No. 24040 (Sd. 24531) and 24058 (Sd. 24541) were listed in your field notes as from the western slopes of Mt. Mitsuga, Muli territory, S.W. Szechuan, elev. 14,000-15,000 ft., whereas you mention in your letter the District of Haba in Chungtien territory. All this you will probably be able to understand better than we can. These two numbers were determined by Professor Smith at Edinburgh as hemitrichotum. I do hppe they are the two you have in mind and that this answers your inquiry.

Enclosed you will find a copy of determinations of woody specimens from your collections of 1932, made for us by Dr. Rehder. I believe that we send you copies of the Primula and Rhododendron determinations. Enclosed also, corrections received from Professor Smith a short time ago, and lists of Potentilla and Meconopsis (the former by a specialist in our herbarium, and the latter by Dr. George Taylor of the British Museum, and numerous odds and ends that have been worked on by authorities. I have brought together to go with this letter what I can be most sure of. Quite a number of determinations have been made here on a tentative basis. Dr. Taylor, by the way, included the Meconopsis numbers in his "The Genus Meconopsis" published by New Flora and Silva.

Thank you for the seed of Meconopsis rudis. We were very glad to get this additional species, and it was most happily received by Professor Smith and two or three others with whom we shared it.

With regard to a copy of your notes, I do not know just what to say. I had it in mind that we still had on hand a copy (extra) made at the time the material arrived, but I find that what I have is a copy

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of my working list. This covers only the numbers of which we received seed, showing species names and flowering numbers. I have no one right now to help with such a job, and though I expect to have someone soon, it may be several weeks before anyone could make this copy. I can only say that I will do the best I can to get it off to you. I am feeling most apologetic that I did not realize earlier that you would wish to have this.

I hope that the enclosed material, though arriving late, will still be of value to you. Please, when you write again, let us know how you fare.

Sincerely,

Secretary to
T. H. Goodspeed

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Yünnanfu January 29/16.

Miss Margaret Locke
University of California
Berkeley.

Dear Miss Locke

Thank you so much for your good letter of Oct. 4th which awaited me here on my return from Peking a few days ago. The list is of great interest to me and I am very grateful to you for the same. I have had collectors out in the mountains of Yünnan for the Yünnan Government and soon I shall have a lot of seed coming in of which I am entitled for my services to take a part. I shall be glad to send some to Dr. Goodspeed for his alpine garden in return for a copy of my notes on the plants collected for the University of California, plus postage on the shipment of seeds. There will be quite a lot of seed and I certain that you will gladly reciprocate by letting me have a copy of my notes on the previous collection made for the University.

Thanking you, I remain with kindest regard,

very sincerely yours

Joseph F. Rock.

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Yunnanfu Feb. 22/36.

Dear Prof. Goodspeed.

Under separate cover sample post, Registered I am sending you seeds of Rhododendrons, 31 species, and 11 species of Primula, also seeds of various showy Compositae, as queer cotton bearing Saussurea, asters, Chrysanthemum, than Meconopsis, Incarvillea, Pyrus, Malus, and many others over 70 species - all.

Now my dear Dr. Goodspeed, I have been very hard hit, last winter financially, when Hong Kong went off silver suddenly, and I lost more than one third of my savings. I lost over 24000 dollars and what I have left is not very secure. I am leaving Yunnan for good as I am constantly ill here. The high altitude does not agree with me any more. I have made a last collection of plants and seeds here, and I am sending you these. They come from the West of the province and if you would like to contribute 100 dollars to pay for the cost of collecting these, and the postage I would appreciate it.

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I hear you have been in South America, hope you have secured plenty of seeds etc. Will write to you again soon it is possible that I will leave for Hawaii but more likely Peking, as I want to continue my work in China. My address will be care of American Express Co. Peiping China Hotel Wagon Lits.

With kindest regards and all good wishes to you goodself and Mrs Goodspeed I remain,

always sincerely yours

Joseph F. Rock.

P.S. Perhaps it is possible to distribute this seed among growers who are willing to pay for it. It is rare and difficult to secure seed and work much more than 100 dollars. J. F. R.

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May 14, 1936

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
c/o American Express Co.
Hotel Wagon Lits
Peiping, China

Dear Friend:

I was glad to have your letter of February 22, and to know that, all things considered, the world goes well with you. My delay in responding to your letter was due to my desire to await the arrival of the shipment of seeds to which you refer. As yet they have not reached us, and I do not wish longer to delay acknowledgement of your good message.

It is disturbing to know that you have suffered so severely financially. I cannot understand your desire that some payment be made for the seed which you are good enough to remember us with. I have thought about the possibility of obtaining from someone a contribution of One Hundred Dollars, and have even discussed the matter a bit with certain persons who in the past have felt in a position to assist the work of the Botanical Garden. These are very difficult days, however, and my particular problem is that we have not been able to raise money enough to grow a great many of the seeds which came from the expedition you so successfully carried on for us in 1932-33. This seed has been kept in cold storage all this time and a certain proportion of it at least is still viable. Our recent trials of quite a number of species, however, have given us no germination. You can imagine what a great disappointment this has been to me, after having worn myself out running about hither and yon to secure money from extra-university sources to make the expedition possible, and then not to be able to secure sufficient additional money to grow the products of the expedition! In addition, I am having a terrible time to get money enough to plant and care for the relatively few species, primarily trees and shrubs, which we were able to grow from the seeds you collected. As it stands at the present time, we are going to plant somewhat over a thousand of these trees and shrubs this summer with garden assistance furnished through federal funds which may be cut off at any time, and once in the ground the plants are simply going to take their chances without any special care. I mention all these matters to show you how serious the University's financial situation is, and, of even more importance in this connection, how practically impossible it is to obtain funds from wealthy friends of the Botanical Garden who, ten years ago, were in a position to do a very great deal for us. I will, however, continue the endeavor to obtain money to repay you for the cost of collecting these seeds. If this does not prove to be possible, I will look into the suggestion which you make that seedsmen might be willing to buy the seed, and thus repay you. I am sorry indeed that I must write in such a discouraging fashion.

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Our four months in South America were very much worth while. My scientific projects were decidedly forwarded by the evidence of plant distribution secured and the seed of new species collected. In addition, we obtained many species of ornamental value which are new or little known in this state, and which will be very well adapted to growing on the Pacific slope. Altogether the expedition was a great success, and I feel well repaid for all the time and money which I put into it. Commenting upon what I said in the last paragraph about our financial situation, I might say that there is absolutely no hope of our being able to grow in this Botanical Garden any of the splendid ornamental species which we brought back from South America. They will all have to be parcelled out to nurseries and seedsmen, and this, of course, will mean that records cannot be preserved and the essential mechanisms of a botanical garden will not be able to function in the case of the important South American collections.

I have been reading in the Hawaiian newspapers that your plan is to make your home in Honolulu, but your letter suggests that you may stay in China to continue your work there. I wonder how your plans for your book on the plant geography of Asia are working out. I remember that at one time, when you were good enough to inform the University that you were leaving important portions of your library to this institution, we discussed the possibilities of publication of your proposed volume.

Incidentally, I want you to know that my cousin, Captain J.P. Van Zandt, has just left Honolulu, after organizing there the Pan American Airways office, to take charge of the Pan American territory from Manila to China. It occurred to me that possibly you might run across him if you decide to go back to Honolulu. My mother has been making a home for Captain Van Zandt in Honolulu during the past year, and may later on join him in Manila, or may stay on in Honolulu. In case, by chance, she is still there, I hope that you will have an opportunity of seeing her.

Mrs. Goodspeed and I join in warmest regards, and many thanks for your continued interest. I hope that your health continues to improve.

Yours faithfully,

T. H. Goodspeed
Professor of Botany and
Director, Botanical Garden

THG:ML

Note: Mrs. Locke says to tell you that the copy of your field notes is pretty well on its way. Copy has been made, and is now being checked. There are some determinations to be entered by the Herbarium, however, before it will be as complete as we can make it before forwarding to you!

THG

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GRAND HOTEL DES WAGONS-LITS.
PEKING.

Nov. 20/36.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed.

Yesterday I received a copy of your letter addressed to the American Consul Peiping from the American Embassy, in which you inquire about my address.

This seems very strange indeed for I have written you repeatedly since last March from Yünnanfu. I sent you quite an assortment of seeds of Rhododendrons and Primulas and other plants, but never even received a word of acknowledgement. I thought this very strange indeed. My address has always been Yünnanfu, and that would have been quite enough; you might have risked

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GRAND HÔTEL DES WAGONS-LITS.
PEKING.



us Trip to Yünnanfu stating you had received the seeds. Your secretary wrote me once that you would reply on your return. However there seems to be a misunderstanding somewhere. I did not write again because I thought it was certain for you to acknowledge the receipt, seeds etc. I have had a lot of letters from people in the U.K. & the U.S.A same asking for this seed Rhodod. etc. I sent the seed and asked them at least pay for the postage, but not even a letter acknowledging receipt of seed or thanks for, still less payment of postage.

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the Dept of Agriculture refers people to me, some want seeds of walnuts of Turkestan etc. Now I never reply but throw the letters in the waste paper baskets, for when I do send seeds they are not even acknowledged. Postage from China to America is a third higher and even double in certain instances than from America to China, and I would have to use about 50-60 dollars postage should I answer all the letters I get, for the Geographic also refers people to me. Needless to say I never answer any letters now. Hoping to hear from you at my old Yünnan address

I remain with
kindest regards, Sincerely yours
J. F. Rock.

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January 4, 1937

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
28 Shih Ch'iao P'u
Kunming, Yunnan
China

Dear Friend:

Within the last few days I have received your letter of November 20, and I am glad that all is well with you. I am enclosing a letter which I wrote you on May 14 and addressed precisely as directed by you in your letter of February 27 in which you say, "I will leave for Hawaii but more likely Pekin." I hope that nothing goes wrong with this letter which should be correctly addressed since we have an address from you and also a corresponding address from the American Embassy.

There is little to add to the enclosed letter except that I find it impossible to sell the seeds you sent in the last shipment because they are not named, and there are no herbarium specimens accompanying them which would make determination possible. I find that the seedsmen who are in the market for new material are becoming more and more difficult to satisfy and, in particular, insist upon correct naming of everything they buy. I am enclosing a Post-office order in your favor for $5.00 which I hope will in part repay you for postage on the last shipment which is still untouched in cold storage here. More than this I am sorry to say I cannot do. You may rest assured that any sales which I can make of your seeds will mean the immediate transfer of the funds received to you.

Our collections from South America continue to come in in great quantities. They are proving to be of very great interest both scientifically and horticulturally, and I only wish that funds were available to permit us to grow from the 700 or 800 seed numbers already in hand.

Mrs. Goodspeed and I join in sending you all best wishes for the New Year.

Yours cordially

THGoodspeed:b
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Yunnanfu March 9/17.

My dear Dr. Goodspeed.

Thank you for your good letter of January 4th which awaited me here on my return to Yunnan on March 7th. The cheque for $ Dollars is also acknowledged with thanks.

I am afraid my letter written from Peking was not what it should have been but I was very ill and had just come out of the hospital. My health has not been of the best and I shall be obliged to go to Honolulu for an operation, the fifth abdominal operation since 1907. I wondered why you had never replied, I had an answer from your secretary saying you would acknowledge the letters and seeds, but no letters came and I became rather discouraged I must admit. If at any time you would write to me "Rock Yunnanfu" is enough, no matter where I am I will receive it. Letters simply addressed West China have reached me. As to the seeds please do not trouble I gladly give them to anyone

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who cares to grow them. I don't want any remuneration, I felt a bit hurt however that no one seemed to even acknowledge their receipt. I get letters from people with every mail asking me to send them this and that; but the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and Arnold arboretum, as well as the Nat. Geographic Soc. give people my address, and if I would comply with all the requests I would need an income of 2000 dollars a month. Some want walnuts from Chinese Turkestan, as if that were in my backyard, others roots of popies, bulbs of Lilies of Tibet and so on. Some have sent me their permit taps and promised to reimburse me for any outlay if only I would get them some seed. I had my man in Pekin collect Iris seed for one man in Seattle, he never even acknowledged the receipt or said thank you; they were sent by registered letter post. Now all such letters go promptly in the waste paper basket and I never reply now. The world is not

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honest anymore it seems to me.
I had not really expected to receive any money for the seeds and I gladly give them to whoever will grow them but I dare assure you by this time they will be deadder than a door nail. I am greatly surprised at what you write that the seeds of the expedition did not germinate, you yourself wrote me that you had a high percentage of germination, and Rothschild himself showed me thousands upon thousands of Rhododendron seedlings. All the seed I have ever collected has always had high vitality and I see no reason why the last lot should not have had when other people had excellent success. It seems rather late in the day to make such statements. But pray what is the use of having gone to endless trouble and have seeds collected if they are not planted, this I cannot understand. I would rather give them away to people ~~that~~ who are willing to grow them so they would not be lost, But to keep them indefinitely — cold

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storage seems a waste. Get them establi-
shed somewhere and later when you
are able to plant let them give you
seedlings. It is of course impossible
to identify plants in the field especially
in a large genus like Rhododendron.
I sent you small sample specimen
of each seedling for you to determine
them as I do not have the literature
here to do so, nor material for compari-
son. You seem never to have received
these from what you say. I also sent
some to Rothschild and to a few other friends,
the bulk went to you, I thought 100 dollars
is a small sum and would not cover
the collecting cost, really but in spite
of billions being spent and wasted,
100 dollars which are actually only
59 of real old dollars seems a lot of
money to some institutions.
Thank you for the typed copy of the field
notes which arrived also during my
absence. I was ill all January and

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5/ the doctor advised me to go to lower levels so I went to Indo China. I motored to Saigon from Hanoi and to the ruins of Angkor they are wonderful, and then returned again to Yunnan. During my illness my book and work and everything has been delayed. My 2 Vol. work will I hope see the light of day — the autumn. There is a great deal of botanical interest in it. I don't get anything out of it, in fact I have put money into it and endless labor. I do not wish to see however my life work wasted and I want to leave something tangible before I pass on which may not be long hence.

My library has grown by leaps and bounds and rather than have the banks eat up my capital I have been buying books. I have now several thousand volumes. I have specialized on West China and have now practically every thing that has been published in English, French, German and Chinese on West China

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and East Tibet. Three large rooms in my house are filled with books from floor to ceiling. It is a very valuable library and I have many books on Yunnan, old Chinese records, which are unlike the Yunnan government library nor the National Library of Peking. Those that are now impossible to be had I have found in one of the libraries in China I had copied. They are all beautifully bound and the library is a joy to me and makes me absolutely independent of Public Libraries. So far I have furnished quite a number to the Congressional Library in Washington. If only my health were better so that I could continue my work. While I lost heavily in the silver business I hope I shall have enough to keep me the rest of my days so that I can devote my time to the work I like. I still have a large and valuable Tibetan collection which is worth about 25000 dollars, but I won't sell now for the money may be worth little or nothing soon.

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So please don't bother about the money for the seeds, I sent them because I wanted you to have them, but of course I did not know that you could not grow them. Now I must close this lengthy epistle and please forgive me if my last letter from Peking seemed a bit harsh, I was very ill and discouraged.

With kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Goodspeed, I remain

always cordially yours,

J. F. Rock.

My address
Yunnanfu, Yunnan
will always reach me.

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J. F. ROCK
48 SHIH CH'IAO P'U
K'UN-MING

雲南昆明
石橋舖四十八號

March 21/38.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed
Botanic Gardens,
Berkely University
Calif.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed,

Under separate cover I am sending you seeds of one of the finest and most curious of all Acer, namely the new species Acer pentaphyllum described by L. Diels from my collections. It is extraordinary because each leaf is composed of five separate leaflets, each leaflet on a long petiole; Diels said if he had not seen the fruit he would never have believed it to be an Acer. The seed is recently collected and comes from Muli in a side gorge of the Yalung River opposite Baurong. Hope you will be able to grow it, with best regards, Sincerely yours

J. F. Rock.

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J. F. ROCK
48 SHIH CH'IAO P'U
K'UN-MING
雲南昆明
石橋舖四十八號

May 15th/38.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed.

Some time ago I sent you seed of the most interesting Maple which has ever been collected (Acer pentaphyllum). Dr. Diels who described it from specimens collected by me in 1928, writes that had I not seen the fruits I would never have dreamed that it belonged to the genus Acer. He writes further: "It would be a great accomplishment to bring this marvellous maple into cultivation". I sent him some seeds at the same time I sent you seeds. I myself kept a few which planted. Four of these seeds have now germinated and are growing. I hope yours have also germinated.

I would kindly ask you to be so good and give a few of these seeds to the Golden Gate park. I would like to see it well established on the west coast of America. It needs a sheltered place near other trees. It grows near a watercourse on the steep slopes of the wooded valley. It really is the most extraordinary Maple.

Hoping that you will do this for me and perhaps

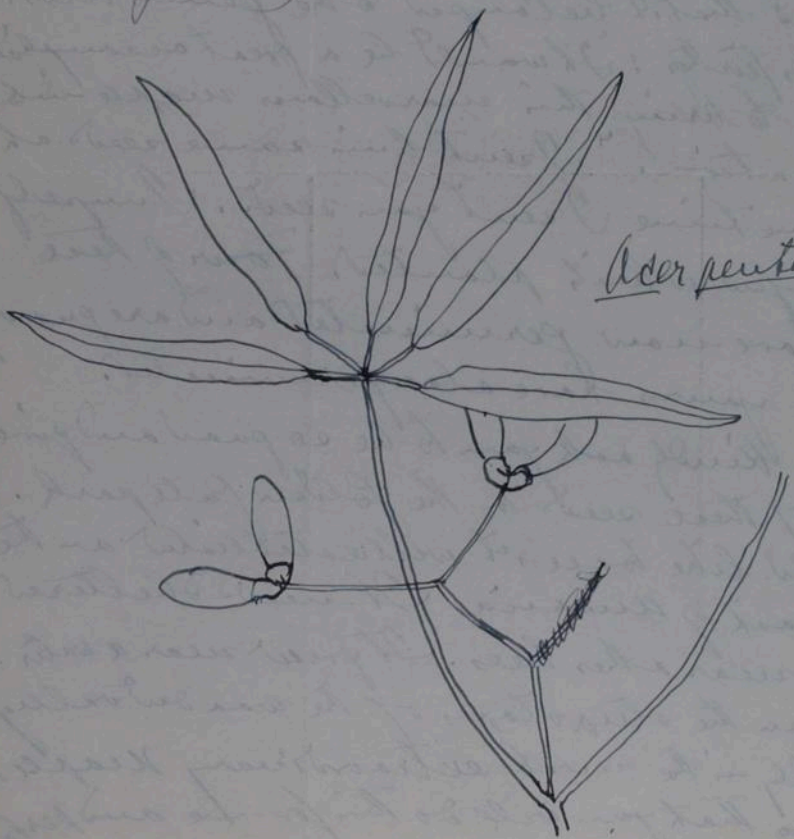
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distribute. H. Parker, Tremain.

With kindest regards and all good wishes, Sincerely yours

Joseph F. Rock.

Here is a sketch of this rare tree (only single tree found).



Acer pentaphyllum Diels

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May 2, 1938

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
48 Shih Ch'iao P'u
K'un-Ming
China

Dear Doctor Rock:

It was a great pleasure to hear from you via your letter of March 21 received yesterday. We will certainly look forward to receiving seed of the interesting Acer to which you refer. In the way of an oddity at least it should be a very real addition. You are extremely kind to remember us in such matters and I want you to know how appreciative I am of your continued cooperation. I think I told you that in 1935-36 I directed an expedition in the Andes. The results of this expedition from the point of view of my special research interest and from other points of view were so considerable that I am now taking out a second expedition this fall and next winter. I will have at least six American and European collectors and will hire local botanists in South America. I hope that we can do a worthwhile job working in special regions both on the East and West Coast where material of special interest, and, in most cases, new or little known, is likely to be found.

I hope that you are in far better health than when last I heard from you and that the Chinese disturbances are not effecting you seriously and not likely to in the future. All your friends here join in very best wishes,

With many thanks again,

Faithfully yours,

THG/lw

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J. F. ROCK
48 SHIH CH'IAO P'U
K'UN-MING
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石橋舖四十八號

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July 15/38.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed,

Your good letter of May 2nd awaited me here on my arrival from Paris yesterday I flew from here to Europe & air France on May 21st and returned again by air. I am afraid I wrote to you that the seed of the Acer I had sent you turned out not to be Acer pentaphyllum. However I am glad to say I was mistaken. When I arrived home the seed I had planted have now developed the genuine leaves of Acer pentaphyllum, the most curious of all Acers. Glad you had a very profitable journey and hope that your next expedition will still be more profitable.

With kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Goodspeed, I remain

Cordially yours,

J. F. Rock.

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July 18, 1938

Dr. J. F. Rock
48 Shih Ch'iao P'u
K'un-Ming, Yunnan
China

Dear Doctor Rock:

Doctor Goodspeed left Berkeley on June 25 bound for Europe where he is spending several weeks studying the South American collections in the leading herberia preparatory to sailing for Buenos Aires from Italy on September 10. At Buenos Aires he will be met by one of three collecting parties of collectors who will explore certain regions of the Andes for dried specimens, living plants, and seeds of scientific material. As on the earlier expedition, the primary search will be for Nicotianas. The collecting fields range from Peru to the Lakes Region in southern Chile and from Buenos Aires to Tierra del Fuego on the East. Dr. Goodspeed asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 1 which came to him at the time when we were overwhelmed with details in connection with his departure. He was very appreciative of your further notes on Acer pentaphyllum. As soon as the seed arrived we planted part of it and sent a small portion to Lord Aberconway at Wales, whom you probably know. As soon as the plants are available we will turn over a number to Golden Gate Park.

I have just received a letter from Major F. C. Stern, which I am enclosing. Possibly you will be good enough to answer Major Stern directly. So far as I know, this Peony to which he refers was not among the collections which you sent to Berkeley in 1933, but you may possibly know which collection he refers to. I am writing Major Stern today, telling him that you will write to him about the matter.

I hope that this letter finds you well and that the disturbances throughout China have not effected you personally. Everywhere we are feeling the results of the war conditions in both Asia and Europe.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to T. H. Goodspeed

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Honolulu
Nov. 17th/38

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed
University of California
Berkeley.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed.
I have returned to Hawaii for a short visit by Clipper from Hongkong. Alas, I am returning to China again tomorrow by the Philippine Clipper. I told Dr. H. L. Lyon Director of the Hawaiian Sugar Planter's Exper. Station of the rare Acer pentaphyllum. I would appreciate if you would send him some of the seeds if you have not planted them all, or perhaps a few seedlings well packed by Clipper to insure their safe arrival. I should like to see

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this rare species established in the uplands of Hawaii.

With best regards

Cordially yours

Joseph F. Rock.

My address for the time being will be

c/o American Express Co.,

Hong Kong.

Kind regards to Mrs. Sandperl.

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November 29, 1938

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
c/o The American Express Co.
Hong Kong, China

Dear Dr. Rock:

Your letter of November 17 from Honolulu addressed to Dr. Goodspeed has been received. Dr. and Mrs. Goodspeed are in South America and will not be returning to Berkeley until sometime next spring.

Referring to the seeds of Acer pentaphyllum, we sent a few of these to Lord Aberconway at the time of their receipt and the balance we planted. Of the seedlings we are reserving a few for Golden Gate Park according to your instructions and would like to have a few ourselves. Whatever can be spared when they are large enough to ship, will be sent to Dr. Lyon. I have written him today to this effect and am enclosing copy of my letter to him.

We all hope that the unhappy conditions there are not effecting you too seriously. With best wishes

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to T. H. Goodspeed

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
SECOND BOTANICAL GARDEN EXPEDITION TO THE ANDES
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

DIRECTOR
T. H. GOODSPEED
PROFESSOR OF BOTANY AND DIRECTOR
BOTANICAL GARDEN

September 16, 1940

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
University of Hawaii
Honolulu

Copies also sent directly to Yunnanfu
9/17/40 and 9/24/40

Dear Friend:

It has been a long time since I have had the pleasure of hearing from you. I have often wondered how you were and how to get into touch with you. Recently I have heard that you have been in Honolulu but have returned to China. This is rather disturbing news because in this country, perhaps erroneously, we get the impression that conditions anywhere near the border of French Indo-China are likely to be particularly disturbed for some time. I am forwarding this letter through the University of Hawaii in the hope that they will have the latest address to which to forward it.

I am writing in the hope that you will let me keep in touch with you a little more closely from now on, and to tell you that plants from the seeds which you collected for us in 1932 are now coming into flower and proving to be of great scientific and ornamental interest. As you will recollect, the great financial depression which reached its height just when the products of your expedition came back to us meant that there was no money from the University for growing the plants. Under the most adverse conditions I succeeded in securing a few private donations so that we were able to grow from your seed at least a few of the species which seemed to be most promising. Actually, other institutions in this country and abroad, to which we distributed the greater share of the numbers you collected, probably have a better representation of your plants than we have because of their better financial situation. Your herbarium specimens, from the time of their arrival, have attracted attention in this country and abroad, and only a few days ago one of our taxonomers referred to the "gorgeous collection in such wonderful condition which Dr. Rock sent to the University." You can imagine what a disappointment it has been to me that we were not able to make full use of all the seeds which you obtained, particularly because I spent the better part of six months in 1931 raising the money for the expedition, and had promised the donors that it would represent the finest collection of plants that had ever come to California. You carried out your part of this promise, but the University was unable at that moment to carry out its part.

I wonder how you are planning ultimately to dispose of you undoubtedly large and certainly immensely valuable collections of material dealing with the plant geography, etc., of the vast areas which you have explored. I recollect that when you were last in Berkeley you expressed the generous desire to turn over to this University a certain portion of this material. I know that your proposal was very acceptable indeed to the University authorities but I cannot remember whether the matter was ever carried beyond that point. The Herbarium, Botanical Garden and teaching and research staff of this University combine to

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produce one of the great centers of botanical research in the world. Our physical facilities are excellent, and our museums are on the whole adequately supported. Although the University has been enormously expanded in number of students, and although from the State and private donations really adequate support has not been provided, still we are perhaps in a better condition than some of the great private institutions which now suffer because of great decreases in the income from their invested funds. In other words, I believe that we could adequately care for your collections in our Herbarium, various museums, etc., and certainly their acquisition would be a matter of very great importance for us. More and more we extend our teaching and research interests into the Pacific area, and in view of developments of recent years in Asia and the possibility of still more serious ones in the years to come, we are greatly disturbed concerning the possible destruction of scientific data accumulated there which is so essential for the future advancement of teaching and research in this University. Perhaps you have already disposed of your material, but I thought that I might at least present to you the possibility of your considering the University of California as a somewhat logical institution in which could be deposited whatever you may still have available.

May I once more assure you of my very real personal interest in you and my never ending gratitude for your very generous and effective cooperation during the 1932 expedition. Mrs. Goodspeed and I join in every good wish, and in the hope that we may hear from you in the near future.

Cordially yours,

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September 16, 1940

Dr. Joseph F. Rock
University of Hawaii
Honolulu

Dear Friend:

It has been a long time since I have had the pleasure of hearing from you. I have often wondered how you were and how to get into touch with you. Recently I have heard that you have been in Honolulu but have returned to China. This is rather disturbing news because in this country, perhaps erroneously, we get the impression that conditions anywhere near the border of French Indo-China are likely to be particularly disturbed for some time. I am forwarding this letter through the University of Hawaii in the hope that they will have the latest address to which to forward it.

I am writing in the hope that you will let me keep in touch with you a little more closely from now on, and to tell you that plants from the seeds which you collected for us in 1932 are now coming into flower and proving to be of great scientific and ornamental interest. As you will recollect, the great financial depression which reached its height just when the products of your expedition came back to us meant that there was no money from the University for growing the plants. Under the most adverse conditions I succeeded in securing a few private donations so that we were able to grow from your seed at least a few of the species which seemed to be most promising. Actually, other institutions in this country and abroad, to which we distributed the greater share of the numbers you collected, probably have a better representation of your plants than we have because of their better financial situation. Your herbarium specimens, from the time of their arrival, have attracted attention in this country and abroad, and only a few days ago one of our taxonomers referred to the "gorgeous collection in such wonderful condition which Dr. Rock sent to the University." You can imagine what a disappointment it has been to me that we were not able to make full use of all the seeds which you obtained, particularly because I spent the better part of six months in 1931 raising the money for the expedition, and had promised the donors that it would represent the finest collection of plants that had ever come to California. You carried out your part of this promise, but the University was unable to that moment to carry out its part.

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Cordially yours,

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February 8, 1950

AIR MAIL

Dr. J. F. Rock
c/o American Express Company
Rue Scribe ~~Scribe~~
Paris, France

Dear Friend:

Some days ago, I saw a letter written by you to Miss Alexander which brought me up to date on your movements and experiences since last we met here.

Surely you have had some most distressing times and I am very sorry that you should have been so outrageously treated. I judge that you were able to salvage most, if not all, of the valuable source material not previously deposited in this country.

Some months ago, I received a number of letters addressed to you in my care and hoped that this was an indication of your early arrival in Berkeley. Ultimately, I sent the letters to Harvard, the most recent United States address I had.

I note that you have some thought of an interim day in Berkeley with the Hill Country of India, your ultimate destination. If I can be of service in advance in finding accommodations for you, please let me know.

Mrs. Goodspeed has been in failing health for over two years. After an unsuccessful operation last spring, she was given only a ~~certain~~ short time to live. As the months have gone by, she has improved somewhat but is actually more or less of an invalid. As a result I am uncertain about the possibility of attending the International Botanical Congress in Stockholm in July. The Congress Committee has honored me by appointment as an Honorary President of the Congress as a whole and as President of one of the fifteen sections of the Congress.

In the hope that we may see you in Berkeley before too long, and with best wishes and kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

MT:am

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(return to T. H. Goodspeed)

Nervi - Genoa, Italy,
Hotel Savoia,

Febr. 15/50.

Dear Prof. Goodspeed:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of Febr. 8th which came this morning. Yes, I had a very hectic time during one month of Communist rule - Peking it was a reign of terror to say the least and I was glad to get away with my most precious material. I had to abandon all supplies, furniture, trunks etc. etc. for I take them all to Nanking would have been useless nobody thought anything, everybody tried to get rid of things for the Reds would have communalized everything. And to fly to Hong Kong would have cost a fortune. That whole affair cost me 6000 U.S. Dollars, they nothing & the bus inserted - Peking. I had money in the Bank - Peking, the Reds took over the Bank and shot the Bank managers and kept all the money.

Well I have been working here getting all my material in shape for publication. It will be published in Rome by the Italian Institute for the Middle and Far East of which famous Prof. Tucci is president. It will come out in a few editions.

It was indeed good to see you here. I am very sorry however to hear that Mrs. Goodspeed is not well. I think I noticed it when I was in your home - 1948, she was not the same lively lady she was when I started back for China some years ago and you all came to the boat to see me off. Of course we are getting older, I am 66 now, but I have never felt so well as now! I work every night

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till after midnight and am at it again at 4 a.m.
I plan to come to California as soon as I have
that huge MS of 1000 typewritten pages of my book,
with 1048 notes. 60 Plates, etc. etc.
I want to settle for a time in California (Berkeley)
to work on the Historical Geography of the west of
China and East Tibet. I will bring some of my
trunks from Boston, but I will get rid of my
large library (70 cases of books) on West China
and Tibet and Tibetan Art Collection, all stored
now in Boston.
Merrill in Honduras but he will come to Sweden
he writes for the Bot. Congress, he is 75 now.
Botany at Harvard is deader than a door nail.
Yes I had written Miss Alexander and old friend
from Honolulu days if she could find a place
for me. I would like a room and bath and
breakfast that is all. Lunch I take anywhere
and supper I do not eat.
Hope to hear from you again. I had expected
to spend Xmas in Paris but stayed on here for here
it is warmer. Will be here for another month or so.
With kindest regards to yourself and
Mrs. Goodspeed, as ever
very sincerely yours,
J. F. Rock.

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March 30, 1950

Dr. J. F. Rock
Hotel Savoia
——Genoa *
Italy

Dear Friend:

It was good to hear from you directly and interesting to hear more of your experiences in China.

Although Florence's condition is no better and, indeed, somewhat worse because of a recently fractured hip, I still expect to go to the Congress in Stockholm even if it means simply a round trip by air for the period of the meetings. I was not sure from your letter whether you propose to stay in Europe until after the Congress.

When you let me know the approximate date of your arrival in Berkeley I will get in touch with Miss Alexander and between us I hope that we can find for you the accomodations you desire.

Many thanks for your letter and all good wishes

Cordially,

THG:T

* not sure of this address so sending also to Paris

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HOTEL SCRIBE
PARIS

June 7th

My dear Dr. Goodspeed:
Through Miss Mary Alexander I learned of the death of your good wife recently.
I was very deeply moved and sorry to hear of her passing.
Please accept my deepfelt sympathy.
I am returning to London tomorrow and on the 10th to New York. I expect to be in California the end of this month and hope to see you there before your departure

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Stockholm.
I visited many of the great English
Estates as Lord Abercromby's at Edin-
Boduant, the Rothschild's at Esher
and spent five days in Edinburgh.
I come to Paris yesterday to see a friend
and attend a conference (non-botanical)
Please drop me a line to c/o Cosmos
Club, Washington D.C.
With kindest regards,
very sincerely yours,
J. F. Rock

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Darjeeling, Sept. 16/50

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

It was very good of you to book a room for me at the Hotel — French, but owing to the outbreak of the Korean war I decided to go to India via Europe. I left for London and then flew straight to New Delhi and thence to Kashmir. I stayed in Srinagar about a month and then came here where I have been now about three weeks.

We had a lot of rain here but the monsoon is nearly over. Kashmir is by-passed by the monsoon and although it was fairly warm, (Srinagar is only 5200 ft) the weather was nice and I made many trips out into the country as up the Zoji-la, to Pahalgam, Sonamarg, Gulmarg, etc. Tuesday I was flying to Leh which is to the north of Kashmir as the snow mountains are 100 miles away and you have to go a long ways to see Nanga Parbat. From the Karakoram you can see Mt. Godwin Austen 28250 ft the second highest mountain with Gangs-chhen-mdzod-lnga pronounced Gang-chen-dzo-nga, and commonly known as Kanchanjunga, which is wrong, the third. This morning there was a magnificent view from my window at sunrise over the entire range. I love the snow mountains, and wanted to have a last fling and holiday. I worked hard in Italy on my two new volumes which are being

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published in Rome by the Italian Institute for the Middle and Far East. I coordinated all my research on the religious ceremonies of the Na-khi tribe. While in London I was very much entertained by all the plant lovers and by the R. Hort. Soc. Its president Lord Aberconway, with whom I stayed at Bodnant in Wales, at the meeting of the society last June proposed, and it was approved, that I write a Plant Geography of West China and North East Tibet, mainly of the alpine regions. I accepted and so I am obliged to write a 600 page book, 200 plates and maps. This of course I can only do either in Edinburgh or the States. I would like to come to California which I like best, and there work say at Berkeley, if I could begin a place to work and where I can consult the Herbarium. The photographs I have already selected, and the Nat. Geographic has already made the prints for me. At the same time I could write the Historical Geography of N.W. China and North East Tibet. The Plant Geography would include the following areas:

Beginning with the Tali snow range, the Shweli watershed west of Tengyueh, the Lichiang snow range, Mule, the Mekong-Yangtze, Mekong-Salwin, and Salwin-Irrawadi divides, Taiping Shan, Kong-ka ling snow range, Mi-nyag country, Mu-li Kang-ka, and the snow ranges between that mountain and

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Tatsienlu or Kang-ting, then the region between Sung-pan and the Kansu Min-shan, the Tewo country, the alpine grasslands between Radja Gomba and Labrang, the gorges of the Yellow River and Amnye Machhen range, and the Min Shan and Lui-chiawrak range. I have photographs of all these regions, of plants, scenery and plant associations. I think I would make a magnificent piece of work, for I have beautiful photos and plant collections from all those places. I am sure you will glad to help me in this work. I am leaving for Kalimpong, Sang Tok in Sikkim and then for Nepal, but I really think I am wasting my time. I had at first thought to send for my trunks with the negatives, diaries, notes, etc., and work here, but it cannot be done, although living is very cheap here — the best Hotel here, the Mount Everest Hotel, I only pay for room and bath and four meals less than $4 U.S. Dollars, 15 Rupees, the Dollar is 4 Rupees and 11 annas.

Please write me C/o Himalayan Hotel, Kalimpong, West Bengal, India.

I hope you had a pleasant journey — Europe and have come back refreshed. Merrill gave me a letter of introduction to Pres. Kraus, but as you see I did not get to Calif. to present it. With kindest regards, as always cordially yours,

J. F. Rock.

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Please return to
T. H. Goodspeed

West Bengal
Kalimpong, November 23d/50
Himalayan Hotel

Dear Dr. [illegible]

Thank you for your good letter of November 9th, which reached me a few days ago, I did not reply to your first letter as you announced that you would write me more definitely later. As you can see I am still in Kalimpong, and I expect to be here through December in fact until after New Year. It was very good of you to get in touch with Dr Bingham whom I met in China some years ago. I had a letter from him yesterday, and I am replying by this mail.

I enclose a letter of introduction to President Sproul given to me by Merrill who also knows him very well. Please give it to him with your own kind recommendation. Dr Bingham mentions about not being able to offer any financial assistance, I never asked for any nor did I expect any. I do however appreciate an appointment as research associate of the Institute of East Asiatic Studies.

Much is happening in Tibet just now, all news emanating from the P.T.I. (Press Trust Incorp.) from Kalimpong is nothing but bazar rumour, and is entirely untrustworthy. There was a fight in Chamdo in northeast Tibet, but the Reds have not advanced any further, a runner from that region stated that they are coming like ants. However it is very difficult for a large army to invade a country like Tibet, there is no food, no grass for pack animals in such numbers as are necessary for an army of invasion. There are no roads, for jeeps gasolin is essential, even should they be dropped by parachutes. There are the high passes of the Nyen-chhen Thang-lha, which in the winter are impassable and certainly not negotiable by jeeps. When the Chinese invaded Tibet shortly after the Younghusband Expedition, the situation was different, at that time the Tibetans had been totally disarmed by the British, and it was easy for the small force of Chinese (2000 soldiers) to occupy Lhasa. This time the Tibetans have an army though small (10.000), but well armed, and unless they go over to the Reds could make progress very difficult for the Chinese. There are between 40.000 and 50.000 Tibetan soldiers who can put up quite a fight, these soldiers are not so well armed as the regular army, but on the passes they could harrass the Chinese. Planes are of not much use, there are no bases anywhere, no weather stations, nor radio beams, they soon would get lost in the wilderness.

There is curfew now in Lhasa, and Tibet is practically closed, no one can pass the frontier, either coming or going, this to prevent the wealthy aristocracy from taking out all their wealth. No transport is available, it takes 22 days from Lhasa to Kalimpong, and without transport travel is impossible.

I am staying on longer than I had anticipated because I had been ordering books from Lhasa, the new Kangyur and the Narthang Tengyur, also a few other sets of books as the Rin-chhen ter-dzö, etc. I shall be making a trip to Gangtok to secure books of the Karma Sect. Mr. Reginald Fox who is a Tibetan official in Lhasa has promised me to secure the books for me. I heard from Mr. Harrer an Austrian who is also in Lhasa that the Kangyur intended for the University of California is printed on very poor paper, and will not be of much use, should it be getting out of Lhasa at all.

I think I wrote to you that the Royal Hort. Society of London has commissioned me to write a Plant Geography of Western China and Eastern Tibet, the photographs have already been sent to them for selection; when coming to the States I shall fly via London. As all my books etc., are in Boston I shall go there to pick up my notes, books, etc., and shall bring them to California. I will wire you on my arrival in London.

In the mean time many thanks for your kindness, and looking forward to seeig you soon, I remain with every good wish,

cordially yours,

J. F. Rock.

P.S. Please tell Dr. Bingham I will write him soon.

P.S. To save postage I could write also to Dr. W. Bingham.

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October 10, 1950

AIR MAIL

Dr. J. F. Rock
c/o Himalayan Hotel
Kalimpang
West Bengal, India

Dear Friend:

Your letter of September 16 has not been acknowledged because I was in Europe and England after the Botanical Congress in Stockholm, and returned here only a short time ago. At Bodnant, where my daughter and I spent a week end with Lord Aberconway, and again with Sir Wm. Wright Smith at Edinburgh, I heard much about the pleasure your English friends took in your recent visit to them.

Your proposal to write your Plant Geography of Western China and Northeastern Tibet would represent a very important and useful contribution and is the sort of thing that, of course, only you can do properly. Your magnificient photographs alone, if published with notes, would be outstanding.

As yet, I have not had an opportunity to discuss the proposal with all those here who would be concerned. The most serious problem would be to find a suitable room where you could work conveniently and which would be adjacent to our library and collection, because we are extremely overcrowded as a result of great increases in number of students and a variety of new semi-government research projects which require much space. In other words, this is simply an acknowledgement of your letter and an assurance that I will do everything possible to cooperate with you. You will hear from me again in the near future.

My daughter and I benefited by the two months abroad and enjoyed ourselves considerably. I liked best the three weeks in England where I was able to see and do a variety of things of some botanical interest.

With every good wish and with thanks for keeping in touch with me,

Most cordially yours,

MT:am

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London Nov. 2/51

4/15/52 - sent Rattray re Rs London address

Dear E. J. Goodspeed,

I presume you will have wondered what had become of me. Well I decided to go to India (East Himalayas, Kalimpong) and there worked for over 8 months with Tibetan scholars on the geography of Tibet and East (Chinese Tibet). Tibetan place names are misspelled on every map, it is next to impossible to obtain on the spot the proper orthography of a place name, river mountain, etc., as not even learned lamas can spell properly.

I have been able to engage the services of a Tibetan secretary to a Lhasa cabinet Minister (Kab-shop-pa), who went over with me every place name on all my own maps and such as have been published. I edit this all on my own writing for the Royal Horticultural Society. As they are paying me for writing the book (600 pages and over 200 photogravure Plates) in English I shall remain here in England & do not as I cannot take the money out of the country, but I shall meet Kate here and then pay my passage to the States. Next spring I will go to Scotland and work at the Edinburgh Botanic Garden which as you know has the richest collection of living Chinese plants as well as herbarium material.

Now I want your kind cooperation, will you be so good and loan (not to me personally) but to the Royal Horticultural Society of England, Vincent Square London S.W. 1., the field notes of the plants I collected for

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the University of California for a period of six months beginning next January.

I have been promised the field seeds from the Arnold Arboretum (in fact they are already on the way) of the plants collected in N.W. China and N.E. Tibet, and also those for the Geographic, i.e. for the U.S. National Herbarium which has the plants.

I hope you will be so kind and do this in order to make this undertaking a success.

Please write me c/o American Express Co, 6 Haymarket London, or c/o Royal Horticultural Society, Vincent Square, London S.W.1,

With kindest regards and all good wishes,

I remain

Cordially yours,

J. F. Rock

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

AIR-MAIL

8 January 1952

Mr. Joseph Rock
c/o American Express Company
6 Haymarket
London, ENGLAND

Dear Mr. Rock:

Your letter of last November was turned over to me by Dr. Goodspeed on his return to the campus after an illness which had delayed his departure for Chile by several weeks.

Under separate cover, as a loan to the Royal Horticultural Society, we are sending you the field notes for your China-Tibet plants collected under the auspices of the University of California Botanical Garden. We are glad to be able to assist you in your work by making this material available to you. The package is being sent by registered, first class mail.

Sincerely,

Herbert L. Mason
Professor of Botany and
Director of the Herbarium

HLM:FC

cc: Dr. T. H. Goodspeed
Royal Horticultural Society

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Berkeley 4, California
November 9, 1950

Dr. J. F. Rock
c/o Himalayan Hotel
Kalimpang
West Bengal, India

Dear Friend:

Although I have not heard from you since my letter of October 10 and imagine that you have left Kalimpang I will try that address again in the expectation that your mail is being forwarded.

I have told Dr. Woodbridge Bingham of your proposal to work here. He tells that he is personally acquainted w with you and your research and would be delighted to have you in contact with the Institute of East Asiatic Studies of which he is Director. He will write you.

The Herbarium here would be glad to give you table space in the area reserved for visiting botanists. Otherwise this Department has no space to put at your disposal because we have been seriously overcrowded for some time. Bingham suggests that his Institute and this Department make a joint request to President Sproul that suitable quarters be found for you. If you will let either Bingham or me know when you have decided to come to Berkeley if we can offer you the necessary office and other working space we will then make the joint request.

With every good wish and in the hope that we may welcome you here

Cordially,

THG:T

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Seattle April 27/54

My dear Goodspeed:

I have returned from Hawaii where I spent the winter on the island of Maui at 4000 ft elev., and while I expect to be here another year or so or possibly only the summer which is the only nice season here, I definitely intend to go to Chile, South America to live as I cannot afford the high cost of living here, not having any income.

As you have travelled much in South America I would like to ask you which of all places in South America (West Coast) preferably Chile is the best climatically, and where one can live cheaply, have a servant or two and keep house.

I understand that the southern part of Chile, the lake country is best, am I correct? I do not want to suggest places as I don't know S. America at all, and I leave it to you as an old friend to advise me. Is it true that there are a lot of Nazis in south Chile? Too high altitude I cannot stand very well around 4000-5000 ft is O.K. but I don't want to go higher.

Dr. Vollmer wrote to me the beginning of this year that he wants us to have dinner with him this

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month, but I have not written him that I
am back in Seattle. I stopped over in Los Angeles
for a few days, but as I was not well came on
here direct.

Please do write me and give me your advice
and if you have friends down there I would appre-
ciate a letter of introduction. I do not speak
Spanish, but Italian, and may pick up enough
to get along. I am over 70 and may not live
much longer, but I would like to live in peace
away from the noise, in primitive surroundings
with primitive people which I find the most honest.
I can't stand big cities, I like the country, but
in America even in the country living costs
are too high. I love mountains,
flowers, and good climate.

What is necessary as far as documents are
concerned to enter Chile.

I hope I am not troubling you too much
but I would appreciate if you would give the benefit
of your intimate knowledge of the country.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours

J. F. Rock

% Far Eastern Institute
University of Washington
Seattle 5, Wash.

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May 5, 1954

Dr. J. F. Rock
c/o Far Eastern Institute
University of Washington,
Seattle 5, Washington

Dear Friend:

It was good to get into touch with you again via your letter of the 27th.

Chile has a coast line of some ~~xxx~~ 2,000 miles and an average width of 100 miles. It is tropical in the north, mediterranean in the center and gradually more antartic in the South. Southern Chile ~~is~~ "the" Switerzerland of South America", is very wet (subject to 200± inches of rainfall per year), was colonized by 100 years ago by Germans who still control most of the business carried on there. What percentage of these Germans- Chileans are the Nazi type I do not know.

I should think West Central Chile would suit you best. It has a climate almost exactly equivalent to that of Central Western California with a wet and often pretty cold season and a completely rainless one.

My old friend Dr. (medical) Edwyn P. Reed (Cas. 1802, Valparaiso) will be glad to give you futher information. His father who was a rather well known English naturalist was ~~presumed to~~ brought to Chile by the government about 100 years ago to teach natural history in the Naval Academy. at Valparaiso. He married a Chilean and of the large family, Edwyn inherited all the British genes. He is about 70, an excellent naturalist, and an engaging companion, very cooperative and a man of importance throughout Chile because he is technical adviser to the government on natural resources. You may feel free to write to him for any information you require. I will send him a copy of your letter to me . I am sorry that you will not be able to stop in Berkeley on your journey north. Our Rhododendron collection looks particularly fine this year. My best wishes to you.

Cordially yours,

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Seattle June 12/'04

Full

My dear friend:

Thank you so much for your letter and for forwarding a copy of mine to you & Dr. Reed. I wrote to him only a few days ago as I was ill with a severe fever for 2 weeks, and today I received his reply. He certainly paints a rosy picture of living in Chile. He thinks the best plan is to come to Valparaiso first and then look around. The U.S. Dollar is now worth 370 Pesos, and a small house and garden can be rented for 7000 P. a month, less than $19.00. a good cook gets about 1500 Pes. a month less than $5.00. That is as cheap as in West China if one did not travel for travel — the interior of China was the most expensive anywhere — the world. With escorts, caravan hire, assistants it came often over $300.00 for 20 miles, of course that was over very dangerous stretches where 600 soldiers were necessary.

He further states that in a first class Hotel one can live good etc. including for about 1000 Pes. P. day which is less than $3.00. Train rides, a distance as from New York to Boston cost less than a dollar (250 Pesos) while he said he paid $10.50 from N.Y. to Boston last year.

Life outside the big cities is even cheaper.

Let us to Chile why spend $150 for a small apartment and have to cook your own dishes and cook?

Again thanking you, I remain

Cordially yours,

J. F. Rock.

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Kew Gardens, Surrey,
25 West Park Road, aug. 22/55

Dear Goodspeed:

Have been in Europe since January, flew from Vancouver B.C. to Mexico thence Havana, Bermuda Madrid, thence to Geneva, Vienna, Rome, Zurich, spent 3 months in Merano, then in the alps at Flims. Flew to Copenhagen and Reykjavik, Iceland and back to London. Not yet gone to Chile S.A.

I would like to introduce the large flowered Eucalyptus macrocarpa to Hawaii. Tried last year from Los Angeles but seed did not germinate. Could you send some seeds of it to Mr. L. William Bryan, Board of Agriculture & Forestry, P.O.B. 1761, Hilo Hawaii, I would be grateful.

I see many of my plants growing here at Kew, many grow at the Bot. Garden at Copenhagen. Both Gardens will let me have seeds of their choice flowering plants both from their greenhouses and growing outside. I shall be glad to divide with you. Magnolia officianalis Rehder & Wilson 33/5259 from the 1932 Calif. Expedition. At Kew they have a tree Rock no 22607 from the 1932 Calif. Expedition. Could you look up the name? Him marked Magnolia sp. Hoping to hear from you I remain as ever

Cordially yours,
J. F. Rock.

Interested Beg 40-50 ft. high trees

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Seattle 5, Wash. Sept. 9/54

R. gracilis
25035, 25413
Rubus sect.
23896, 24429

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

Sometime ago E. H. Walker of the Smithsonian Inst. Washington described from the collection of Faust I made for the University of Calif. - 1932, a new Rubus, as Rubus chrysocala Walker, sp. n. no 23317, but that number is a Rhododendron and not a Rubus, he or someone else must have made a mistake in numbering the labels when the duplicates were distributed. I wonder if it could be a mistake for 22317, that seems to be listed as an undetermined specimen. Could someone look it up for me?

"Rambunctia" Polunin

Has any more work been done on determining the plants you had expected from? It seems a pity for there must be quite a lot of new material among it. Why not send the undetermined material to the Roy. Bot. Garden in Edinburgh, Scotland, they would work it up, what do you say?

With kindest regards, Cordially yours,

J. F. Rock

D. P. Hayward left for Chile, decided when he got back. Heard from your friend who gives planning reports.

J. F. R.

Rhododendron
Rhynocodendron
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2079 Life Sciences Bldg.
University of California
Berkeley 4, California
November 22, 1955

Dr. J. F. Rock
25 West Park Road
Kew Gardens, Surrey
England

Dear Friend:

Your letter of August 22 awaited our return from Europe. It was certainly too bad that I did not have any idea that you were in Kew this summer. Mrs. Goodspeed and I were there twice during our three weeks at the Authors' Club in London. Once I tried to get into the Herbarium but the outer gate and the side gate were locked and I could not find anyone to let me in. If I had had any idea that I might have had the privilege of seeing you there I should have made a more determined effort.

We will be glad to do what is possible to obtain the seed of Eucalyptus macrocarpa for Dr. Bryan and will send it to Hawaii direct.

The Magnolia at Kew (Rock number 22607) to which you refer is M. officianalis Rehder and Wilson.

I had supposed that you might have been established in Chile by this time but felt sure that my friend Dr. Reed of Valparaiso would have seen you and let me know of your arrival.

I am now theoretically emeritus but am being reappointed, full time, for another year and a half until age 70. It has been a great satisfaction to have completed my Nicotiana monograph which was published by Chronica Botanica late last spring. The reviews which have appeared are gratifying.

Is it possible that we may see you in California before too long? In that hope and with all good wishes,

Cordially,

THG:T

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Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

I wonder where you are? Have not heard from you for a long time. I have been in the Islands here since November and have been botanizing and found quite a number of new Lobelias and also a new silversword one of our most striking Composites from the high mountains. I am sending you herewith seeds of this rare new plant found on the southern slopes of Mauna Loa on the Big Island at 7600 ft elevation. I am sure it can be grown out of doors in Strawberry Canyon. It is Argyroxyphium sandwicense var. Kaunase Rock var. nov. will send you the publication shortly.

Now I would like to ask a favor of you. Would you be so good and send me seeds of some of the large leaved Rhododendrons I once received from you in 1932, and which are growing in the Strawberry canyon. My friend and I have a place at 6500 ft elevation on the Island of Kauai and we want to grow the large-leaved Rhodod. up there. It is always cool and misty up there. There are lots of them like Rhod. sinograndi, Rhod. fictolacteum, Rhod. Burauii etc. etc. Please do me that favor. Kindly send them time here P.O. Box 497, Honolulu T. H. With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

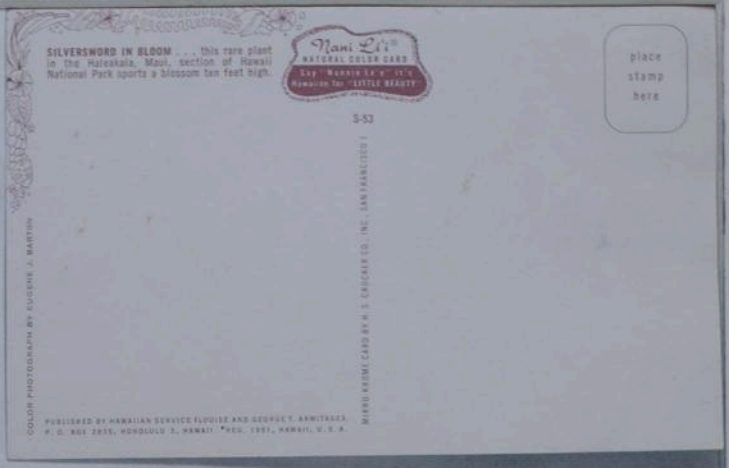
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Enclosed also photos of the plants.

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April 5, 1957

Dr. J. F. Rock
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Honolulu 9

Dear Friend:

I have delayed acknowledgement of yours of February 4th until I could see whether any of the large leaved Rhododendron species you referred to will set seed this year. Actually, only a very few plants have ever flowered with us and then only in the last years. None is setting seed.

As you know, of course, the Edinburgh Botanic Garden offers in their seed exchange lists a large selection of the type of species you want. If you wish I will be glad to request seed of a number from their 1957 list.

I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in sharing with us seed of your new variety of Argyroxyphium sandivicense. We will live in hopes of being able to grow this new silvesword in Berkeley.

It was good to get into touch with you once more. For a time I thought that I might hear that you were established in Chile or Peru. I judge, however, that you are well satisfied to be once more in the Islands.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

THG:T

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