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WASHINGTON

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
CHIEF, DIVISION OF EXHIBITS

January 21, 1936.

Miss Harriet Sweet,
United States Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Sweet:

I am referring to you copies of correspondence between the Department of State and Agriculture concerning "an exposition of materials for the instruction and amusement of children, to be held in Nanking in April 1936."

Confirming my telephone conversation this morning, I am wondering if it might not be possible, if the Department of Commerce is in contact with manufacturers of recreational equipment and play-ground equipment, etc., to bring this matter to their attention.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Hiscox
Joseph W. Hiscox,
Chief, Division of Exhibits.

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January 23, 1936

Mr. Joseph W. Hiscox, Chief,
Division of Exhibits,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hiscox:

This is in acknowledgment of your note of January 21 transmitting the correspondence with reference to the "exposition of materials for the instruction and amusement of children", to be held in Nanking in April 1936.

Mr. Thomas Burke, Chief of the Specialties-Motion Pictures Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, will take appropriate action to bring this undertaking to the attention of interested industries insofar as is possible at this late date.

Sincerely yours,

Harriet M. Sweet, Chief,
Conferences and Expositions Section.

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January 10, China

January 23, 1936

In reply refer to
PC 893.607 Nanking

My dear Mr. Secretary:

To: The Mr. Thomas Burke, Chief, with thanks of your letter of
Specialties-Motion Picture Division.
January 8, 1936, concerning an invitation to this Government to
From: Conferences and Expositions Section.
Subject: Exposition of materials for the instruction and
amusement of children, Nanking, April 1936.

Although I doubt whether any commercial agencies could send
exhibits to the exposition before the date mentioned in
Pursuant to our conversation of this morning, there is attached
the Ambassador's note. I think it advisable to give the opportunity.
Joseph W. Hiscox, Chief of the Division of Exhibits, Department of
Agriculture, has requested our cooperation in furthering this project.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of the State:
Harriet M. Sweet

(Signed) Sumner Wells

Assistant Secretary.

The Honorable

Henry A. Wallace,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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WASHINGTON

January 10, 1936.

In reply refer to
PC 893.607 Nanking/7

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

The receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your letter of January 3, 1936, concerning an invitation to this Government to participate in an exposition of materials for the instruction and amusement of children, to be held in Nanking in April 1936.

Although I doubt whether any commercial agencies could send exhibits to the exposition before February 1936, the date mentioned in the Ambassador's note, I think it advisable to give them the opportunity. I shall appreciate your bringing the exposition to the attention of such agencies.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of the State:

(Signed) Sumner Wells

Assistant Secretary.

The Honorable

Henry A. Wallace,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
PC 893.607 Nanking/

December 9, 1935
December 19, 1935

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I enclose for your consideration a copy of a note dated December 9, 1935, from the Chinese Ambassador in Washington, inviting this Government to send exhibits to an exposition of materials for the instruction and amusement of children to be held in Nanking in April, 1936, under the auspices of the Ministry of Education.

I should appreciate an expression of your views as to the desirability of accepting this invitation, and in the event of a favorable reply, I should also appreciate your notifying organizations and individuals who might be interested in sending exhibits to the exposition. These organizations and individuals should be informed that the exhibits must arrive at Nanking before February, 1936.

In this connection I may say that the Department of State has no funds which could be used for defraying the expense of participation in the exposition.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

(Signed) Sumner Wells

Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure:

From Chinese Embassy,
December 9, 1935.

The Honorable

Henry A. Wallace,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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CHINESE EMBASSY
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1935

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I beg to inform you that there will be held at Nanking in April 1936 an exposition of materials for the instruction and amusement of children under the auspices of the Ministry of Education. I am directed by my Government to extend an invitation to the United States Government to take part in the exposition by sending exhibits to the exposition which should arrive at Nanking before February 1936.

The acceptance by the United States Government of this invitation will be gratifying to my Government.

I am, my dear Mr. Secretary,

Very sincerely yours,

Sao-Ke Alfred Sze

Honorable Cordell Hull,
Secretary of State.

December 8 1935

February 11, 1936.

MEMORANDUM

To: Miss Sweet -
Conferences and Expositions Section - 45.

From: Thomas Burke.

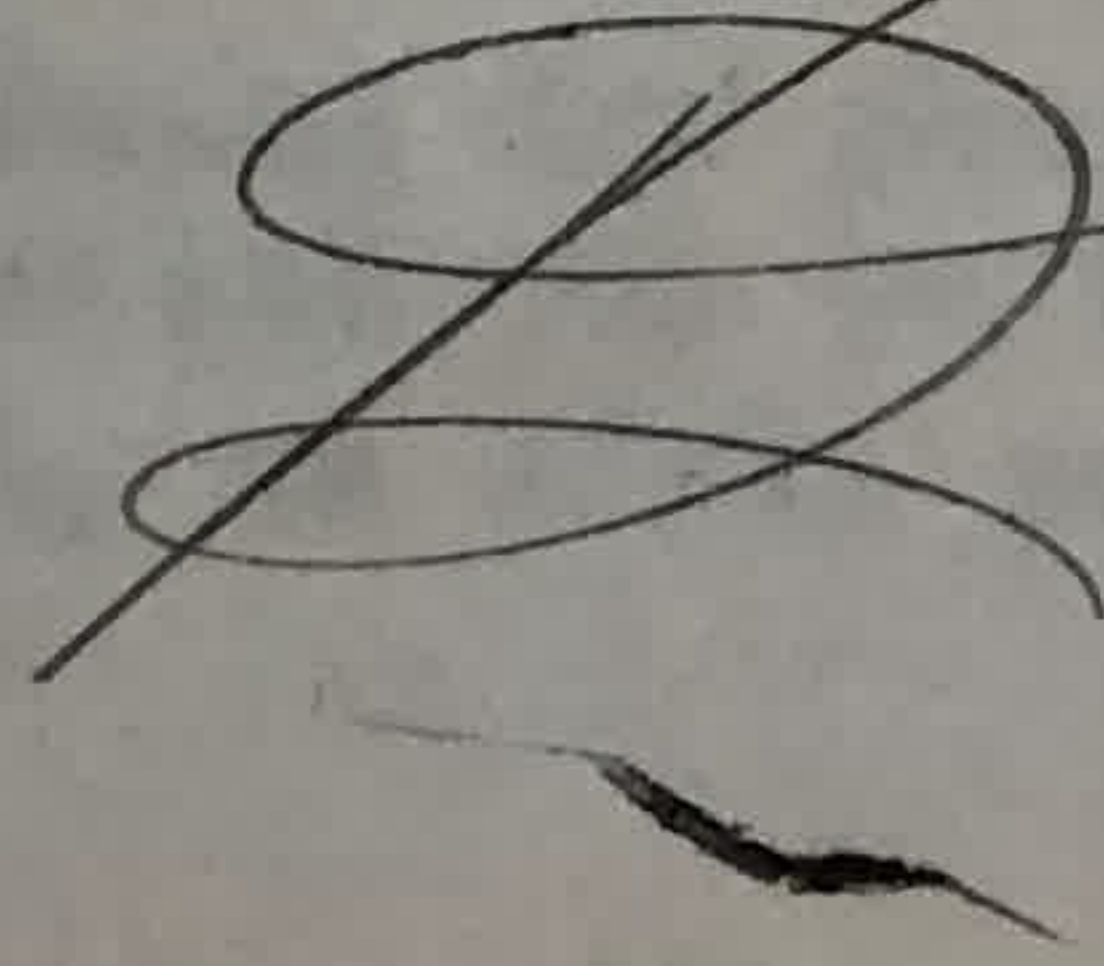
Subject: Attached.

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After careful consideration of the attached papers we have concluded that the dead-line established in the letter of Assistant Secretary Wells to Secretary Wallace is too close at hand for us to effectively project the matter among our industries. Off the record, I feel that the unfortunate experiences which some of our industries have had in Chinese expositions has made them rather reluctant to indulge in further activities along the line suggested.

You will recall that the numerous church organizations which have headquarters in China ^{have} on many occasions, attempt to build their prestige by fostering industrial participation under their own banners. In addition, the educational book manufacturers have been subjected to practices that were not altogether acceptable and, therefore, our industries (in the field which this exposition would encompass) are not in a particularly favorable frame of mind.

In any event, the fact that February, 1936, has been established as a dead-line practically precludes their active ~~interest in~~ participation.



Thomas Burke,
Chief, Specialties-Motion Picture Division.

Inclosure 78015.

