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Admiral Tsai Ting-kan, Chairman,
Chinese Red Cross,
Peking.

Dear Admiral Tsai:

In keeping with my conversation with you the other day when His Excellency Wang Yi-tang and you so kindly received me at the new headquarters of the Chinese Red Cross, I am now suggesting that the Red Cross Association of China formerly extend an invitation to the American Red Cross to send to China a man and a woman, well qualified in Red Cross development work, to assist the Chinese Red Cross in developing its organization in China.

As you have already stated, the development of the Chinese Red Cross depends, to a considerable degree, upon a sound system of educational work to encourage a better knowledge of Red Cross ideals and methods on the part of the Chinese public. There are a number of ways of making this educational work effective. One is through the building up of a strong Junior Red Cross organization in China, working through the Chinese schools, missionary educational institutions and other organizations, such as the Boy Scouts. Another method is through the use of well selected motion picture films, properly captioned with descriptive matter in Chinese, and displayed under intelligent and effective auspices. A third method comes through the effective work of the Chinese Red Cross Society, with such publicity as will keep this work before the public. In all three conditions the American Red Cross is in a position to render very effective assistance, as you well know.

During my interview at Washington with the executive officials of the American Red Cross, I found that they were of one accord in that the greatest service which the American Red Cross can perform for China rests in assisting the Chinese to build up in their country a strong and effective Chinese Red Cross Society. The executive officers appreciate the fact that the development of a strong Red Cross Society in China will assist very materially to spread Red Cross ideals throughout Asia.

As you well know, the success of the Red Cross work in America is due in a large measure to the part which the women have taken in this work. It would seem that in China it would be very necessary that the work among the women and girls can best

AMERICAN WOMEN WELL QUALIFIED IN THIS LINE OF ACTIVITY. THIS
WOULD BE PARTICULARLY TRUE IN DEVISING WAYS AND MEANS OF TRAIN-
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As I stated to you, in our personal interview, the American Red Cross is willing to meet all of the expenses in connection with the services of the man and woman to be detailed by them for assistance to the Chinese Red Cross, in the event the Chinese Red Cross is desirous that this man and woman be detailed for this service. Naturally, it will be necessary that the American Red Cross be assured that such persons as may be sent to China to assist in the development of the work of the Chinese Red Cross, shall be placed in a position to render effective service, and it would be well to submit to the China Central Committee of the American Red Cross, a full detailed plan of proposals, outlining the character of the work which, in the minds of the directors of the Chinese Red Cross, may be most effectively undertaken by the representatives of the American Red Cross, and the facilities to be accorded them in doing this work. The authorities in Washington have agreed that all their labors in China shall be carried on through the auspices of the China Central Committee of the American Red Cross, Shanghai, which serves as a clearing house for them. As you realize, this is helpful to the Chinese Red Cross in that it makes for closer direct contact.

I shall be pleased to submit any communications you may have to make to our Central Committee at Shanghai, with such recommendations as may be helpful. As I stated to you and Mr. Wang, that while the American Red Cross wishes to be of every possible assistance to the Chinese Red Cross in the development of a strong organization in this country, it does not dare to proceed any further in the matter until it has received from the Chinese Red Cross a formal invitation, and a definite statement of the facilities to be accorded the American Red Cross in carrying out any suggested plan.

I can assure you that it will be a great pleasure to me to assist in transmitting any communications which your Society may have to address to our organization.

With kindest personal regards to you and His Excellency Wang Yi-tang, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Julean Arnold, Member,
China Central Committee,
American Red Cross.

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Director,
Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce,
Washington.

Sir:

Enclosed for your information and file is a copy of my
letter of today to Admiral Tsai Ting-kan regarding the Red
Cross Association of China.

Very truly yours,

Julean Arnold
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