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Director,
Bureau of Foreign And Domestic Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Sir: The Federation of Chinese Industries.

1/ We attach hereto two folders describing the above organization which was formed in 1928 and at one time had several fairly influential Chinese industrial leaders in its make up. An Englishman, Mr. W.H.M. Taylor, appears to be active in furthering the affairs of the enterprise at present and, presumably on behalf of Chinese industry, has been reported as attending a labor conference at Geneva. Mr. Taylor has apparently sent out to manufacturers in Europe and the United States invitations to become associate members at a cost of £5/0/0 per annum. We are informed that no foreign (non-Chinese) manufacturers, in China, or abroad, have as yet joined the organization.

The organization is situated in one room, No. 215, at 6 Szechuen Road, Shanghai, appears not to be very active in furthering the interests of industry at the moment and the value of such a membership would depend upon the future activity of the organization when legislation or other moves with direct effect upon industry occur in this country. At one time several Chinese industrial leaders of some prominence were active in this organization and it is possible that it may be reorganized into an effective organ again at some time in the future but for the present we would see little to be gained in joining. The association publishes in Chinese a weekly magazine known as "The Current Weekly" with an occasional article on economic subjects but for the most part containing articles and discussions purely political in character and including some literary verse, etc.

Very truly yours,

A. Bland Calder

A. Bland Calder,
Assistant Commercial Attache.

Enclosure #36234.

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September 6, 1933.

Julean Arnold, Esquire,
American Commercial Attache,
5 Canton Road,
Shanghai, China.

Dear Arnold:

Referring to Calder's letter of July 24, with regard to the organization known as the "Federation of Chinese Industries", we certainly agree with Calder that there is no occasion at this time for taking any steps which would suggest to our manufacturers the advisability of becoming associate members of this organization.

WE WOULD BE INTERESTED, HOWEVER, IN ANY REPORTS WHICH YOU MIGHT SEND FROM TIME TO TIME INDICATING AN EXPANSION IN ITS ACTIVITIES OR IN ITS POSSIBLE USEFULNESS TO AMERICAN ASSOCIATES.

Very truly yours,

C. K. Moser,
Chief, Far Eastern Section,
Division of Regional Information.

Forwarded:

W. L. Miller,
Foreign Service Division.

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TRADE COMMISSIONER
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To: Bureau.
From: Shanghai Office.
Subject: The Federation of Chinese Industries, Shanghai.

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I enclose herewith a copy of a prospectus in regard to the above organization which has apparently been forwarded to various manufacturers in Europe and America with invitation to join the association at an expense of £5/0/0 per annum. This prospectus was brought to our attention by one of our local contacts to whom it was forwarded by a British manufacturer.

We made an investigation of the association and have the following comments to make as to the advisability of American manufacturers joining it.

The office of this organization was opened in 1928, is at No. 6 Szechuan Road, Shanghai, and occupies one room only at that address, Room 215. It has a staff of three persons and appears to engage mainly in the publication of a weekly magazine entitled "Current Weekly" dealing with political and economic subjects, and carrying paid advertising. The publication is in the Chinese language.

We were informed by the clerk in charge that so far no foreign manufacturer has joined the organization. We are scarcely in position at this writing to venture an opinion as to the value to a foreign manufacturer of membership in such an organization. Much depends on how active this association may prove in the future in influencing the trend of events in industry in this country. At one time, we understand, several fairly prominent Chinese industrial leaders were active in furthering this organization, but so far as can be observed at present the association is not very active. The material published in the "Current Weekly" does not give one the impression that the editorial staff is following up subjects vital to the industrial welfare of this country, many of the articles being purely political in interest.

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The moving spirit in the association seems to be Mr. W. H. M. Taylor, an Englishman who has apparently recently been in Geneva at a Labor Conference and it appears that the invitation to European manufacturers were mailed by him from Geneva, at least so the local office states.

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Dear Dr. Thorp:

A. Bland Calder
Assistant Commercial Attache.

Literature re Junior Chambers of Commerce.

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Dr. J. K. Christie, an American resident here, is desirous of organizing a junior Chamber of Commerce to include young men of varied nationalities. He wishes to secure some literature regarding the constitutions and by-laws of similar bodies in the United States. I understand that the United States Chamber of Commerce publishes a booklet entitled "How to Organize a Chamber of Commerce". It may also have some literature on junior chambers of commerce. I am told that the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce is a very active and successful organization. It is possible that we may be able to secure some assistance from that body. At all events, we shall appreciate all material that may be obtainable on this subject.

Very sincerely yours,