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As. David & V.K. Wemy.



December 26, 1954.

Dear Walter:

Somewhere in the Bible I seem to remember something about castings one's bread upon the waters and having it return unto one but I can't say I ever expected to have it happen to me. But, lo and behold - your check this morning for \$12.00, return of a loan made to Ernest Tung. It had escaped me that it was a loan, or maybe I associated the term through long experience with catch phrases as synonymous with gift. (Remember how ribald realists began calling "lend lease" by its proper name "lend lose" even before war ended?) Such evidence of the redemptive qualities of an individual contributes toward a refreshing renewal of the belief that perhaps mankind, in the whole, merits his place in the cosmos.

I talked with Drum before he took off for Hong Kong about two boys who were on my staff in Shanghai - David Wong and Y.K. Wong - both graduates in economics from St. John's University, Shanghai, now on the Hong Kong staff presumably still culling the economic news, with its Soviet cast, from the Chinese Communist press, so that competent interpreters there and in Washington, may analyse it in terms of what it probably means. These chaps are naturally worried over the safety of their wives, children and of themselves, should Hong Kong fall to the Reds, - besides having something of a struggle for survival, away from their family anchorage, - what with the h.c. of 1 in Hong Kong. Drum says he will try to save his staff and seems to understand that we owe our Chinese personnel in such a strategic place a moral obligation to try to save them - since it would be certain that, if caught there, they would be tortured and perhaps killed as "running dogs of the American Imperialists".

Mr. Conroy  
- Dept. of State -  
Mr. David + Y.K. Wong.



I hope that our officials who are wrestling with the obviously tough and complicated problems constantly presented by the enemy in that area, in all their technical ramifications, will not lose sight of the human aspects of the situation and will not fail to do everything possible to save our Chinese staff when the danger threatens - the plans for such action made long in advance, I trust, such as those made for the American personnel.

'Twas fun seeing you. Shall keep the \$12. in storage in case some other worthy causes arise.

Sincerely yours,

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MEMORANDUM TO FRIENDS OF ERNEST TUNG

Reference: Circulars of December 2, 1953 and March 9, 1954.

Ernest Tung has paid in full and with commendable promptness the loan in which you participated last spring. The loan enabled him to travel to Taipei, where he obtained a position with FOA.

Ernest has expressed his deep gratitude to all who helped him in his time of need. He has, of course, a complete list of those who assisted him.

Enclosed is a check in reimbursement of the amount of your contribution as it appears in the file.

Walter P. McConaughy

Enclosure: Check made payable to A. Bland Calder, dated Dec. 20, 1954.  
in the amount of \$ 12.00.