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Dear Mr. Chen:

Statistics of Chinese National Railways.

Dear Barringer:

Referring further to my communication of March 23 on the above subject, it appears that the Chinese National Railways, Statistical Division, Finance Department, publishes monthly statistics of passengers transported and of goods transported. Occasionally we receive copies of these monthly compilations. We have just received the compilation covering April 1931. I shall appreciate your making an effort to secure copies for the various months of 1930 and also of January, February, and March of 1931. If there is an annual compilation covering 1930, I shall appreciate that.

I shall be glad to condense the material as prepared for the Hong Kong Office as also to try to make the arrangement as logical as possible. It would probably not be a bad idea to take the report after it is compiled and then distill from the completed draft a more condensed statement.

Very truly yours,

Julean Arnold
Commercial Attache

Our monthly reports are criticized as being too lengthy for the material which they contain and it is with the idea of meeting this criticism that we decided to cut them down to about 50 percent of their former size, hoping in doing so we shall not be sacrificing any worthwhile material. I shall appreciate your cooperation in bringing about this change.

Mr. T. H. Chen
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Sincerely yours,

Julean Arnold
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Dear Mr. Chen:

Statistics of Chinese National Railways.

The Bureau of Railway Statistics, Ministry of Railways, Nanking, published under date of May 1931 a compilation of statistics of Chinese National Railways 1915-1929, inclusive. It is quite possible that the later data, that is, those for 1930 may now be accessible. If so, kindly secure them for me and let me have a copy or several copies which can be used in answering the questionnaire 334 which I mailed to you yesterday. If the Bureau of Railway Statistics has a later copy than that of May 1931 of its Statistics of Chinese National Railways, naturally we should like to be favored with several copies. Kindly let me know what can be done in this direction.

Very truly yours,

Julean Arnold
Commercial Attache

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Alice T. Giovannini,
S.D.A.

I just can't bear the thought of paying back anything for these "old" documentary stamps.

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March 22, 1932

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Dear Mr. Chen:

Questionnaire on Chinese Railway Conditions.

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I am enclosing a copy of Questionnaire No. 334 on foreign railway conditions, which it is desired to have answered for Chinese railways. I have sent a copy to the Mukden Office for the Manchurian railways. I have also sent a copy to our Hong Kong Office for the railways in that section.

What I would like to have is the latest possible information on the Shanghai-Nanking, Tientsin-Pukow, Peiping-Hankow, Kiao-Tsi, Peiping-Suiyuan, and the Lunghai and the Peiping-Mukden railways. As this is the only copy of the questionnaire I have, please return it to me after consulting with some of the people in the Ministry of Railways as to the best means of securing the desired information.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Barringer:

Report on Foreign Railway Conditions.

I have just received from the Bureau a copy of its questionnaire 354 on the above subject. It was not long ago that we gave the Bureau information covering the railways of China as best this information could be assembled. For your territory, I presume it will not be a difficult matter to compile the data as requested. Thus I am sending you a copy of the questionnaire for the compilation of the material required.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. Chow has been ill with the "flu" for a week or so so I can't call on him to give me a Chinese Bank check in return for National City Bank check, therefore I'm afraid you will have to encash the check, the' there should be no charge for collection, really.

I have noted what you say about the \$20 for Mr. Ho