

Mr. A. Bland Calder  
For your information.

Monnett B. Davis

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October 3, 1947

AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
SHANGHAI

It would be appreciated by the Board of Directors if you would  
advise this resolution both to the Department of State and to the  
Department of Commerce, and also advise the American Embassy in Hankow  
regarding this matter.

Very respectfully,  
Yours,

October 3, 1947

Mr. Monnett B. Davis  
United States Consul General  
Shanghai, China.

Dear Mr. Davis:

At the Directors' meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held  
today, the following resolution was passed:

"In view of the exceptionally difficult and often frustrating  
nature of the work of the American Commercial Attache in China  
during the present postwar period, the directors of the  
Shanghai American Chamber of Commerce feel it timely and  
appropriate to go on record as highly appreciative of  
Mr. A. Bland Calder's services.

"It is our conviction that no one without Mr. Calder's long  
experience in this field could possibly have furnished the  
seasoned background necessary in dealing with the many new  
commercial developments in China since the end of the war.  
As we know you are well aware, he has been most loyal in  
seconding your own able efforts on behalf of American business.  
He has been patient, persistent and without regard for ordinary  
office hours in his endeavors to serve any of us who have  
presented specific problems, while at the same time he has served  
the general cause of American business in every possible way.  
It seems to us important that such qualities be duly recognized.

"Mr. Calder is, as you are aware, a modest person. It would be  
far from surprising if those who are not, like you and ourselves,  
in constant first-hand contact with current China circumstances  
did not fully realize how valuable he has been to American business  
in this time of trial. For this reason we take the present method  
of advising you of our great satisfaction with Mr. Calder's services,  
desiring that at your discretion you advise the Secretaries of  
State and of Commerce.

"Directors, The Shanghai American Chamber of Commerce."

Monnett B. Davis

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It would be appreciated by the Board of Directors if you would cable this resolution both to the Department of State and to the Department of Commerce, and also advise the American Embassy in Nanking regarding this matter.

Very respectfully yours,

Bruce M. Smith  
Chairman

P.S. The Directors who were present at this meeting referred to above, unanimously approved this resolution. Their names and the interests they represent are as follows:

Messrs: C. B. Allsopp, Shanghai Tel. Company, Fed. Inc. USA  
R. T. Bryan, Franklin & Bryan  
C. J. Ferguson, Shanghai Power Company  
Randall Gould, Evening Post & Mercury  
P.F. LeFevre, Texas Oil Company  
Henry Kay, American President Line  
J.J. Mokrejs, China General Edison  
E.A.G. Petersen, Chase Bank  
Bruce M. Smith, Mark Moody, Fed. Inc. USA  
C.F. Thomas, National City Bank of N.Y.  
R.A. Thompson, Wm. Hunt & Company

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