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Dear Feiker:

Views from Office Windows of
Commercial Attache, Shanghai.

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Believing that it may be of interest to you to know something about the outlook from the windows of our office here in Shanghai, I have taken a number of photographs from these windows.

We are on the fifth floor of the Robert Dollar Building on what is known as 3 Canton Road. We occupy the western half of the floor. Looking out westward, you will note views 1 and 2 show several Chinese pavilions built on the roofs of buildings in the block next to that upon which is located the Robert Dollar Building. In the summer time Chinese who own these buildings entertain their friends at tea parties on the roofs. They are brightly lighted at night when functions are given, and serve this purpose very well. Chinese in Shanghai are very fond of towers and pavilions and Shanghai presents a mass of varicolored lights at night with these towers outlined in electric lights.

Scene 3 looking to the northwest shows the Standard Oil Company's building. The one in the nearer foreground is the old German Postoffice which was taken over during the war by the Chinese.

View 4 looking southwest presents in the background a view of a modern seven-story building recently completed. The proprietor and owner is one of the leading Chinese industrialists. This building was constructed under the auspices of an American architect.

View 5 looking northward, shows a rather ragged skyline, indicating the gradual replacement of the older type buildings with six and eight story structures.

View 6, looking north and east, shows in the domed building the very handsome structure of the Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation, the premier foreign banking institution in China. In the background just behind the dome rises the tower of the Chinese Customs Administration. These two buildings are on the Bund or river front. The Shanghai Bund now presents an appearance of a modern Occidental city, with a number of tall buildings. The street itself is very wide and between the eastern boundary of the street and the river there is a park which naturally adds to the beauty of the water front.

The Robert Dollar Building is a seven story structure, well built and economically arranged. It is also planned by an American architect. The Bureau already has photographs of this building.

Would not sets of photos of views from windows of your C. A. in other sections of the world be interesting by way of comparison?
Sincerely yours,
Julian Arnold
Julian Arnold,
Commercial Attache.

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Inclosure 95866 ✓