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Dear Dr. Sanders,

How are you? Are you still in bed? I do hope you are all right now. Anyway what is the trouble? Do you have a weak heart? Your work in Presbyterian Hospital might be too strenuous for you.

A week ago it was decided that I was going to sail on 26, tomorrow, on a freight boat via Panama Canal and it takes 40 days to reach Hongkong as it stops at many ports. Then another cable came saying "fly home if health permits" and therefore I was suppose to fly before the 30th. It took 4 days to Hongkong. Now I am held back by my old passport. I need a new passport for a permit to Hongkong. I do not know when I can have it. These days I have been running here and there. My neice here is going to have another baby within three weeks so she can not do much for me. She called the sister in Syracuse home to pack for me.

I do not know how do I feel exactly I have to finish my writing in China then come back again after a year or two. Of course there are certain advantages, such as: I do not have to rush now, since everything changes very fast in China, my knowledge is out of date already and I ought to find out the needs in new China before I finish the work so that I shall be able to offer something really practical. My project is to reorganize our school from high school to jr. college. On the other hand who can tell what will happen during these years. I may be unable to come back again. There may be war or I may be not allowed to come over. Well, I better not think about it.

Most of my friends advised me to stay on. I do see their point of view and I do feel grateful for their good will. Of course I can get a teaching position here but I feel you have so many educators but not so in China. My duty is over there. Undoubtedly I can do much more for my own country. Unless my service will be blocked or my freedom will be restricted in China I don't think I ought to plan to be a white Chinese here. I hate to think about the conflicts between nations. International diplomacy is either naive or barbaric. I hope you and I wont be enemies if there should be war between our nations.

I have just fulfilled all my credits, 91 points, tonight. The objective test I took a few hours ago was not very good. This kind of test is always hard upon foreign students.

Yesterday morning I went to Methodist Hospital out in Brooklyn to see my boss who has troubles in veins on her left leg. She is in the surgical dept. a brand new building, everything is very nice indeed. I thought about you and your work in Houston.

Last week I went to see Dr. Goheen for a check. I always complained about my heart, but he told me that it is all right, nothing is wrong. My left chest is painful at certain spots. He sent me to the Physician Diagnostic Laboratory on Central Park South for a chest X-ray. I have not heard the report yet. I shall go this Friday for the last injection and by that time Dr. Goheen will be back to his office too; he is away these days for a conference. I think I feel all right now except I still get tired easily and life has to be very regular.

Certainly I like to know how do you feel before I leave this country. I shall say good by to you when I know the definite date of leaving. I have well adjusted here and yet I have to leave it soon. I shall feel very sorry to say good by to you all. I shall write you in China, of course. After all the world is a very small one. Don't you think your Chinese patient is a good one? It is almost 10 and I better rest early, for I have to go to many places tomorrow, traveling office, Immigration Office etc. I don't like it but no way to avoid it.

Good night!

Sincerely yours,

Cheng Hsueh



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Dear Sandy -

This is a note to confirm what you probably already know.

Dorinda came through her appendectomy in fine form. I saw her inside of a half hour after she left the operating room, and a couple of times since.

I got the impression that during her recuperation period she would welcome letters, particularly from you.

Hope you are fine and fit again after your sojourn in the hospital.
Best of luck & kindest regards from "Cousin Ernest"