

APPENDIX C

NANKAI UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
ON
SOCIAL & ECONOMIC RESEARCH
TIENTSIN, CHINA

February 24, 1928.

Professor J. B. Condliffe
Institute of Pacific Relations
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Professor Condliffe:

I have sent to-day a request to the Commonwealth Fund for an annual grant-in-aid of \$8000.00 in terms of three years for the purpose of continuing the studies which we have commenced and that of carrying out the projects for the investigation of urban and rural industries in the district of Tientsin. The request is addressed to Professor E. B. Reed, formerly of the English Department of Yale University and now Director of the Division of Education of the Commonwealth Fund. To accompany the request, I sent to Professor Reed a Statement on the Committee, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

May I ask you for a letter of endorsement with regard to our request? As you have just been in China, and have seen our work in person, your endorsement would help a great deal, I am sure, in our application.

I do not know how much I can rely on the success of our request to the Commonwealth Fund for the assistance we are asking for. In case I should fail, may I ask you to present our case to the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Foundation for the assistance we need? With the standing and stability of Nankai University, I can assure you that we will make good use of the opportunity that may be offered to us for research in China.

The Committee, through its work, has gradually gained some little standing in China now. Our Weekly Statistical Service is at present published by most of the Chinese and English papers in North China. Some of the papers in Shanghai are, also, reproducing it regularly. You may have noted the statements about our Committee and its work in the December issue of the American Economic Review and that of the Journal of the American Statistical Association. Quite a few institutions abroad including the University of Kiel, Germany, have written us for exchange of publications.

The great difficulty with us, as you know, is finance. Under the present chaos in China, it is practically impossible for us