

APPENDIX "G"

To

The Institute of Pacific Relations

Application for a grant to carry on studies in  
The Geography of China  
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General Statement

This application is a request for a grant of \$3,200 (Chinese currency) to continue investigations during 1928-29 on the geography of China. These studies have been in progress since 1922 and are summarized in a preliminary mimeographed edition entitled "The Geography of China", a copy of which is supplied herewith. These studies deal with the relation between the natural environment and human activities and are largely organized in terms of natural regions. They are concerned with conditions of land form, climate, soil, agriculture, natural resources, economic possibilities, the people and their character.

A large amount of unorganized material is in hand and it is expected that this grant will make possible the publication of a book. It is planned that this book, or at least a preliminary edition, will be available in time for the meetings of the Institute of Pacific Relations in Japan in 1929.

Proposed Work

1. Further investigations into all the available literature. This will include books and magazine articles, both Chinese and foreign, dealing with travel, descriptions, natural resources, conditions of life and statistics. This material will be supplemented by personal inquiry and original research. An attempt will be made to assemble an accurate picture of the physical environment, including resources, and its relation to human activities in all parts of China.

2. The preparation of accurate maps. At present there are no base maps showing the correct hsien and provincial boundaries, cities and rivers. It is proposed to draft new maps and on these to enter information dealing with land forms, climate, soil conditions, agriculture, population density, resources and other aspects of geography.

3. Additional travel. During the past five years the writer has travelled more than 25,000 miles in China and has thus been able to secure a large amount of first hand information. Most of this travel has been in the north. The least known section of China is Yunnan and Kweichow and it is proposed to spend four or five weeks in these provinces during January and February 1929. The railroad in Yunnan and the hundreds of