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China Medical Commission

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Martha's Vineyard  
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Dear Alan:

It is good to get word that you have safely arrived in this country. It has been a difficult and gruelling trip, and I don't think any commission which the Foundation ever organized has been confronted with a more complex set of problems. Your diary has been the most absorbing chronicle I have read during my term of office, and it reflects the patient care, the wisdom and the understanding with which you and your associates approached your task.

I can imagine that even now the uncertainties in China will make it impossible for you to recommend a definite, clear-cut course of action that will meet all contingencies. I suspect we shall have to proceed in a somewhat tentative fashion, subject to developments over which we have no control. But in any event, our decisions will be far wiser and surer because of the background of information and tested opinion which your commission brings to us; and the Trustees will always be grateful to you for your willingness to undertake an errand that was not devoid of hazard as well as hardship.

The immediate thing is for you to get a rest, and I am glad that you have this month ahead of you in California with

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Mrs. Gregg. There is no hurry about the report. Take your time with it. We shall have plenty of opportunity to digest it in the fall.

My best wishes to you. I do not have to tell you of my relief in having all three of you safely back in the United States.

As ever,

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(Written by Mr. Fosdick and  
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