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ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

Report of a Special Committee on the Peking Union Medical College

To the Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation:

Your Special Committee on future relations between the Rockefeller Foundation and the Peking Union Medical College respectfully makes the following recommendations:

1. That the China Medical Board be incorporated under the laws of the State of New York as an agency for holding and distributing funds for the promotion of medical education in the Far East.
2. That the land and buildings in Peking occupied and used by the Peking Union Medical College be transferred from the ownership of the Rockefeller Foundation to the China Medical Board, Inc., which shall have the power at its discretion to transfer this property to the Trustees of the Peking Union Medical College when convinced that this institution has reached a basis of stability and permanence, or to some other auspices, should that seem desirable.
3. That the sum of \$12,000,000 be appropriated to the China Medical Board, Inc., which will be empowered to use the income of this fund, first, for the support of the Peking Union Medical College; second, for similar institutions in the Far East; and, third, for similar institutions elsewhere including the United States; with the further provision that a part or the whole of this capital sum may be transferred to the Trustees of Peking Union Medical College, when, in the discretion of the Board, that institution reaches a state of stability and permanence, and failing that, such capital sum or any balance thereof may be transferred to other institutions in the Far East or elsewhere in the world including the United States, or be employed for the benefit of such other institutions.

4. That the Rockefeller Foundation pledge itself to contributions to the China Medical Board, Inc., for five years beginning July 1, 1928, annual sums not to exceed the following:

1928-1929	-	\$320,000
1929-1930	-	310,000
1930-1931	-	300,000
1931-1932	-	290,000
1932-1933	-	280,000

with the understanding that such sums will be available in addition to the income from the \$12,000,000 mentioned in Paragraph 3 above for the annual budget of the Peking Union Medical College; and with the further understanding that should the College at any time before the expiration of the five-year period be forced to close or fail to maintain a standard satisfactory to the China Medical Board, Inc., further annual payments would be discontinued.

5. That the Rockefeller Foundation indicate a willingness, at the end of the five-year period, to consider the renewal, on a basis to be determined at that time, of annual appropriations for another period of years.

6. That the budget of the Peking Union Medical College be reckoned in Chinese Mexican currency at the ratio of two Mexican dollars equals one gold dollar; that any savings due to favorable exchange be retained by the China Medical Board, Inc., as a reserve fund to be applied in case exchange should turn against the gold standard; and that in case such reserve fund were wholly exhausted the Foundation pledge itself to supply such additional funds as might be needed to purchase the Mexican currency required to maintain the College budget upon the level in Mexican currency which had been agreed upon in advance for the successive years of the five-year period.

7. That the Foundation notify the China Medical Board, Inc., that during the five-year period no other appropriations than those indicated above would in any circumstances be made by the Rockefeller Foundation for the purposes of the Board or towards the official budget of the Peking Union Medical College.

8. That Paragraph 7 above should not be construed as estopping the Foundation through its Division of Medical Education from co-operating with the Peking Union Medical College as an independent institution in supplementing from time to time for temporary foreign visiting professors and foreign members of departments regular salaries (on a Chinese scale) in the Peking Union Medical College budget or in providing a limited number of fellowships as is the custom in connection with medical schools in various parts of the world.

9. That the New York Office of the Peking Union Medical College be reduced to a minimum basis for doing its work effectively; that this office at as early a date as feasible be wholly removed from that of the Rockefeller Foundation; and that gradually all services, except accounting, be entirely divorced from those of the Home Office of the Foundation.

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