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SHANGHAI

CHINA

Evening  
Jan. 11, 1937.

Dearest:-

Got here late last night after terribly chilly afternoon & train ride. Stay at Hangchow College satisfactory. Your <sup>(or register?)</sup> express this morning with check; also a telegram from somebody to "Searle Bates" to meet Chen at NCC tomorrow morning which I will do. Booked to dictate all day tomorrow in YMCA offices. Saw Imperley this a.m. She will get a date with (Hall-Patch (Leith-Ross' representative), whom J. says to be the brainiest foreigner now in East. I will ask for constructive suggestions. Also a call to see Chubb of Peiping Embassy; off for that now.

Would like to be in Nanjing Wed. night,  
but arrival late and cold, or weary Thur.  
a.m. is not much advantage.



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I find trains much more comfortable by day in this weather.

Later.

Find it difficult to decide on a time for return, but am inclined to count on Thursday, arriving home about 1:15-1:30. Yet I will be ready to do it earlier if you have any word of pressure from the Nanjing end. Since tomorrow is booked, I want some freedom Wednesday for appointments and book-stores. I need rest & recreation, but don't see it coming. Today was half-value because of accumulated cold and fatigue, and tomorrow will be a great strain,

to try to dictate four complete lectures almost continuously, and in form for mimeographing.

Clubb learned from Imperley that I was here, and merely wanted to swap interpretations.

I got two lines of information at Hangchow, one from Chang Hsueh-lian's representative and the National Salvation Association. Clubb

thinks Germany and Japan will attack Russia in April. This poor world looks black enough to any intelligent eyes.

Much love to you and Morton and Bobby.  
Searle