

No word from you for 3 weeks.
Will try embassies soon.

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(by Suckock)

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Dearest: -

utterly swamped in efforts to get an internationally sponsored safety zone for civilian refugees. Some chance of success.

University has voted to transfer classes to Chengde, but practical difficulties of quarters and transport have not been even passably solved. I will stay here as Chairman of Emergency Committee, probably with Lewis, Riggs, Ni Tsing-yuen, Ma, and Lee. ^(hardly another) I am working closely with Embassy on some matters. Not intending foolish risks. But there is so much of big importance to be done and so few to do it. Fear of the Japanese Army is tremendous, and not surprising after actual

experiences of other places; but also of desperate or loosely controlled fragments of Chinese armies in retreat.

Splendid work and attitudes on the part of some Chinese. Han Shih-wu Number One, in my observation. Others only consider flight now. Communications will be poor. You can imagine aches and fears much worse than 1927 in anticipation.

Well and excellently situated for company and physical provision.

I wanted time for a long love-letter. You are in mind very much indeed. I respect your uncomplaining spirit in going ahead alone with the boys, and hope the worst part of the separation will pass ere long.

Searle