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UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL  
Nanking, China

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To the Officers of the Japanese Embassy,  
Nanking.

Dear Sirs:

I respectfully beg to call your attention to an incident occurring last night, December 18, at the University Hospital where we have over one hundred and fifty patients together with nurses doctors and hospital staff and where in the past we have been privileged to serve various members of the staff of the Japanese Embassy with medical care.

Three soldiers entered the hospital compound by the rear door and tramped up and down the hospital corridors. This was at approximately eight P.M. Miss Hynds, a 63-year old American nurse, met them and accompanied them. They took her watch in spite of her protestations that it was her own. They also took several (six) other watches and three fountain pens. Two of them then departed and the third disappeared without leaving.

At nine fifteen my attention was called to the fact that a Japanese soldier was in the nurses' dormitory. I went there with a lantern and found one soldier in a room with six nurses. He was partially dressed and I found that he had been in bed with three of the nurses before I arrived. All the nurses in the building were terrified beyond description.

Whereas heretofore we had considered that being a hospital we would be immune to this sort of incident and had not asked particularly for a guard at the hospital gates we would now like to place the matter in your hands with the request that such a guard be granted or other steps be taken to prevent the recurrence of any such proceeding. Respectfully yours, (Signed) Robert O. Wilson,

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