

University of Nanking,

Nanking,

April 25, 1938.

Consular Police,

Japanese Consulate-General,

Nanking.

Gentlemen:-

Yesterday our farm manager reported that ^aworkman who has been in our employ for many years, Ts'ai Kung-li, was taken by soldiers in truck No. 1914, from near Hsin Chieh K'ou, and was carried toward Hsiakwan. The time was eight o'clock in the morning, by local clocks. His armband or badge is drawn on the accompanying paper with Chinese characters; also the small badge of the University.

We do not wish to make trouble over relatively small cases, and have not reported some previous instances of interference with our workmen, which were cleared up within one day. Therefore I have waited in this present matter, hoping that the workman would be released and the problem solved. Even now I am not reporting to the American Embassy, but give you the opportunity to clear up the case yourselves.

If, however, we are not assured very soon of the safety of the laborer, it will become necessary to inform the American Embassy of the seizure of an old employee and of consequent interference with our normal and proper work.

Respectfully yours,