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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Dear Margaret,

It was most welcome news that came by cable recently. The message was awaiting me when Dr. Borcie and I returned from our trip to the breaks in the Yellow River in the Province of Honan. I wired congratulations to Ruth and Don in your care. I am sure they are very happy and I hope they will not be going to Europe or somewhere far off to live before I come home. I hope to get particulars about Don's return and the wedding in your next

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letter. I also want to know how you are, — and all the others.

This trip which has just ended took about 9 days and was by train. The engineer representing UNRRA in the project of closing the dyke and returning the river to its old channel is a Mr. Todd of Palo Alto. His wife is physician to the women at Stanford. We drove with him in a jeep through deep mud and driving rain to the river 15 miles away. No one was working, but we could see the beginnings of the dyke and the ~~[illegible]~~ swift river flowing through the cut made purposely to delay the Japanese. The whole project is a race against time, as the river rises in July and

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We had to pull the jeep out with a rope at one point, after the axles rested on the mud.

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nothing can be done after that.

On the way back we stopped a day in Nanking and a few hours in Chinkiang, capital of Kiangsu Province. In Nanking I again met John B. Savyer's former house boy, who now is working at the UNRRA regional office as personal servant to the director.

Last Sunday, after our arrival, we had a sunny day and went to a garden party given by Mrs. Fu. Her husband took Szeming Szé's place in Washington. The jonquils were blossoming, also grape hyacinths. The lilacs were budding. It was a large country garden with thatched summer houses in two of the corners.

In a couple of days I shall

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start a tour of Peiping, Tientsin, and Tsingtao, and back to Shanghai. After that I shall plan to come directly home unless the Korea plan develops and I get instructions from Washington to go there. We are all wondering what La Guardia is going to change in the policies and methods of the organization.

Boicie is doing a good job and working hard.

Today I called on Mr. Fairchild at his office in Hamilton House and had a short visit with him. He was glad to hear from Wally & Peg. He says Mrs. Fairchild has gone to Peiping since I saw ~~her~~ her in Chungking a couple of weeks ago.

With lots of love,

Willey.