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Dear Margaret,

I have been very much on  
the move since I wrote last. Dr. Boice  
and I went to Canton and spent  
several days there. It is warmer down  
south, and the camel's foot <sup>(Bauhinia)</sup> trees were  
full of orchid colored blossoms. The  
kapok was also in full bloom displaying  
a large vivid red flower. The agaveas  
were just finishing their blooming season,  
but they have not begun up here.

In Shanghai Canton I met Dr. Li  
Ting-an, who was health officer of  
Shanghai when I was here before.  
I also saw Mr. James Henry whose  
family were so nice to Minnie Sawyer

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when she was at Lingnan, <sup>university</sup> and Mr. Weir  
is now on UNRRA's staff.

He had intended to go on to one of  
the most devastated areas, Liachow,  
and had arranged for a through  
plane to Chungking to stop there. But  
it rained and rained and the  
planes were unable to land. So  
we finally gave up and flew direct  
to Chungking. It is a remarkable  
city on a mountain between the  
Yangtze and a large tributary. It  
has about a million inhabitants.  
Beyond lie high mountains. The  
institutions, like the Institute of Health  
and the Malaria Laboratory assisted by  
the R.F., lie in and beyond these  
peaks. We drove out to them over a  
scenic highway with bomb shelter

cars at the side on the bank on the hillsides and picturesque fields of rice and broadbeans and some wheat all around.

At Chungking we had many talks with Dr. P. Z. King, Director-General of the Natl Health Administration and an arranged conversation with the dynamic T. V. Soong. I also presented Dr. King's letter of introduction to ~~the~~ Dr. <sup>(not 193)</sup> Chiang Mon lin, Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan, and to Dr. Franklin Ho, Vice-Minister of Economic Affairs.

We are now back in Shanghai and this evening we start for Kaifeng in the yellow River area to see some of the problems connected

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with INRRA's great project to repair  
the break in the river banks and  
return the flow to its original  
channel. The break was made  
intentionally to delay the Japanese  
and now the flooded land is much  
needed for food production. It is a  
race against time, for the rains  
are on and in June the water will  
rise.

It looks now as though I  
might be asked to visit Korea,  
which would delay my return. Otherwise  
I shall plan to start back about  
April 15 by air.

I have your letters of Feb. 14 and 26 with  
enclosures. The fort is about well, Thank you! <sup>Competition</sup>  
Tiger on the mountain. Best love to you + Ruth +  
Hertando + all the Carrolls.

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