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Dear Mr. []

I thank you very much for your letter. In the meantime I was met by Mr. [] and Mr. []. They are nice and pleasant people. Once I had lunch with Mr. [] and after that I had a dinner party with Mr. [] at []. Mr. [] was in China and Inner Mongolia and even speaks a little Mongolian. Now he attends my lectures at the University twice a week. He arranged my meeting with the local Immigration authorities and now I got an application for citizenship which I must fill and return to the Immigration office. It seems that in various parts of this country laws are quite different. For instance, that application form contains a question as follows: under what name did you come to this country? When I asked those gentlemen what this does mean they told me that people often come under other names and to obtain the citizenship they must give all their aliases and may choose any name in this country. Now I wonder why this does cause difficulties to my boys. Yet I do not intend to undertake anything at the present time as I want first to get a reply from Mr. MacLeod. I thank you very much for your comforting letter. I am not worried about the boys at all though now the youngster, too, has lost his job. The only matter is that, at the present time, I must send much money to them while here I must pay the highest imaginable tax rate as officially I am single not having any dependent. If they were here I should not be a single person. For example my salary is \$ 660 a month but for the time Sept. 16th - October 1st I got, for half a month, instead of \$ 330 only 220 and of this one hundred had to be sent to the boys. Thus the only worry is how to let meet the ends. As you realize 120 dollars for two weeks is not much. As the rent for the room is \$40 there remains only \$80 for food and everything. Therefore I should be glad if they came as soon as possible as in this event I should not pay the highest taxes.

Some days ago you read in the news papers that the US had acknowledged China's red government. This means that they already have concluded a treaty according to which China becomes a Russian satellite. As the Soviet Union always puts the world before facts accomplished I guess the Chinese reds already have become Russian satellites. Unfortunately everything is going on in complete accordance with the schedule I have predicted long before.

In the meantime I have received from Father Mostaert all his publications, among them very interesting grammars of some Mongolian dialects and an enormous dictionary in

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Three volumes. That is very nice of him as our library does not have any publications of his. The longer I live in Seattle the more I like this place as the climate is very pleasant and the environments very beautiful. The only unpleasant here is that the city is ~~ye~~ very long and the university is in the extreme northern part of the city and a bus ride from here to the business city takes very much time. This is the reason why I still have not met Mr. Best yet I shall do this ,perhaps, during the next week.

I thank you for your letter and I hope you will write again. May I ask you to thank Mr. [] for his expressions of regard and transmit my best greetings to him?

Very sincerely yours

Nicholas Poppe