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Dr. William Lowe Bryan,  
President, Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana.

My dear Mr. President,

Your letter of recommendation which my friend Mr. Lee requested in behalf of me, was duly received, and for which please accept my heartfelt thanks.

It was, indeed, a great surprise to me when I received the cablegramme of recalling from my home government. According to the regulation, I ought

to have the privilege to study few  
years more in this country and the  
Chinese government generally  
grants the extension of time, if the  
student needs, although it has  
the authority to call for service  
at any time.

I was in the East for few  
weeks and presented your kind  
letter to the Legation in person.  
Secretary Ou or ex-Chargé d'Affaires  
of the Imperial Chinese Legation  
was well pleased to learn my  
school record and appreciated  
highly your kind consideration  
and suggestions, and the  
invaluable instructions of my

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Professors.

But to my great regret, I beg to inform you that after the Legation has wired back and forth with the home government about the matter, I was still insisted on for service. The last cable-gramme is translated as this: "We still need Hsü, please tell him coming to department for service."

As I belong to the "Yüchanpu" of Peking, which controls all the rail roads, telegraphes, posts and other communications of the whole Empire, and also that department is now so very

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busy in negotiating important affairs with the foreign powers in the north and the Hankow-Szechuan Railway loan, which you have already read from the paper, it needs some of the legal and political learning students for services of any kind very badly.

Having not had any research work in diplomacy nor advanced course of International Law and also my legal education is in complete lack of one year's study, I have been always afraid that my knowledge is insufficient to go to the political circle.

However, Secretary Ou, after

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having received your kind letter  
of recommendation was fully aware  
the importance of advanced study.  
So he is now preparing for me  
a dispatch to call the attention  
of the above mentioned department.  
Thus I just serve whatever I can  
one year at home and will be  
back again to continue my  
study next year.

In conclusion, please  
permit me to thank you once  
again for your kind help.  
For the last whole academic  
year, I enjoyed my work in  
your University very very much.  
I have been always proud

of being the first Chinese graduate  
in Indiana and in the near future  
if I should be able enough to do  
any thing for my country is of  
course all due to your great  
supervision of our Alma Mater;  
and well arrangement of the  
course of study; and the good  
instructions of our professors.

With best wishes to you and  
our Alma Mater. Good-bye, Mr.  
President.

I beg to remain

Very respectfully yours,

Shiwei Netzen Hsi.