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Transcription

30 Seymour Road
Shanghai, China
4 September, 1918

Dear Dada:

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The Saturday Evening Post

The Ladies' Home Journal

Harper's Bazaar

The American Magazine

The All Story Magazine

The Smart Set

And please send them to

Mrs. H.H. Kung

Taikuhsien, Shansi

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Please notice that Shansi is spelt with an a, not an e as the latter is an entirely different place.

She would like to have the subscription for one year beginning as soon as possible. If the draft is not sufficient to get all the magazines, please get as many as possible with the money.

Now as to my own magazines, please subscribe the new ones I mentioned in one of my other letters and renew those others also mentioned in the same letter. If it is not too much trouble, I would greatly appreciate your writing to the place where you subscribed them to notify them the change of my address. I would not trouble you were it not for the fact that I do not know where you sent in my subscription.

I am still helping Mater to settle and every day the house looks more helplessly upset. Mrs Kung will not be able to stop in Peking, etc. on her way to Shansi as her husband has to be in Taikuhsien on a certain date. And so if I stop over to see Peking I would have to go from Peking to Taiku all by myself -- an unheard of thing for a young girl. In all likelihood I shall stop [by] Peking etc on my way back. And as Sister will not be leaving Shansi after she [page break] gets there for three months it will mean that I would have to stay there as long as [she] does for of course according to Chinese custom I cannot travel across the desert with only my brother-in-law and the coolies who carry my chair. The babies may be ailing or something so that sis will not be able to escort me from Shansi to Peking for several months, in that case I shall just be stranded there. Of course after I once get to Peking, I shall be able to come on down to Shanghai.

I am therefor debating whether to go or not for it would be rather a bore to feel that you have no way of getting out -- not but that I shan't enjoy myself only you know I hate the idea of having to stay anywhere indefinitely. Sis tho is crazy to take me along and the Doctor thinks that the change of climate would benefit me.

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P.S. The check is for \$20.00 gold.

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