

Beta Theta Pi
Eugene, Oregon
10 February 1933

I would much preferred to have talked this matter
Mrs. Murray Warner leaving that we could come to a Bush
Coburn Hotel
Eugene, Oregon
of proceeding what I had in mind. Should you desire to
talk the matter over with me, provided of course, that
Dear Mrs. Warner: and I would be glad to come to Eugene

Due to the fact that I have been unable
to get in touch with you at the hotel, I shall put
in writing what I had in mind, hoping, of course, that
it will convey the same enthusiasm which might have
been manifested in a conversation.

I am writing to ask if you have ever made any
provision in your activities, by which a young man might
secure financial aid while preparing for the Diplomatic
corps, with the proviso that upon assignment by the State
Department, the designation would be in the Orient.

The writer of this note is a young man 28 years
of age and a resident of Eugene. During the past six
years, I have been attached to the office of Senator McNary
in Washington, where I have also attended law school and
studied international law, with the hope and intention of
entering the Diplomatic service. I have to-day received
from the Under Secretary of State, the advice that an exam-
ination for me would be given on July first. This requires
an intensive study of various subjects in the State depart-
ment between now and that time, and my residence in Wash-
ington for four months before the date of the examination.

At the threshold I am stopped, due to finances to
make this preparation. Hence, it occurred to me that due
to your intense interest in the affairs of the Orient, that
there might be an opportunity offered by you, to assist one
entering the diplomatic service, with designation to a post
in the Orient. I have given much study to the relations
of the Far East and have the assurance that an assignment
would be made there. I am aware that you have at various
times offered prizes and rewards for those writing upon
Oriental subjects, and I thought perchance, that you might
be interested in the proposition which I have above set
forth i.e. making a loan to one who is about to enter the
service.

10 February 1953
Hoguen, Oregon
Mrs. Murray Varner

Mrs. Murray Varner
Hoguen, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Varner:

But in the fact that I have been unable
to get in touch with you at the hotel, I shall not
be writing you at the moment. I am sorry that
I will convey the same information which might have
been mentioned in a conversation.

I am willing to say if you have ever made any
provision in your will, or which a young man might
before financial aid while preparing for the Diplomatic
service with the proviso that upon assignment by the State
Department, the designation would be in the Orient.

The writer of this note is a young man 28 years
of age and a resident of Hoguen. During the past six
years I have been attached to the office of General Murray
in Washington, where I have also attended law school and
studied international law with the hope and intention of
entering the Diplomatic service. I have so far received
from the State Department of State, the advice that an exam-
ination for me would be given on July first. This requires
an intensive study of various subjects in the State depart-
ment between now and that time, and my residence in Wash-
ington for last months before the date of the examination.

As the likelihood I am assigned, and inasmuch as
with this preparation. Hence, it occurred to me that the
is your interest in the office of the Orient, that
there might be an opportunity offered by you to assist me
entering the Diplomatic service with designation in a post
in the Orient. I have given much study to the relations
of the Orient and have the assurance that an assignment
would be made there. I am aware that you have at various
times offered prizes and rewards for those willing upon
Oriental subjects, and I thought perhaps that you might
be interested in the proposition which I have above set
forth i.e. making a loan to me who is about to enter the
service.

Delta Theta Pi
Eugene, Oregon
10 February 1911

I would much preferred to have talked this matter over with you, believing that we could come to a much clearer understanding however, it being necessary that I return to Salem to-day, I must resort to this method of presenting what I had in mind. Should you desire to talk the matter over with me, provided of course, that you are interested, and I would be glad to come to Eugene some evening for that purpose.

I might add that I am prepared to offer any number of testimonials and recommendations from mutual friends both here in Eugene and elsewhere, who are aware of my intense desire to enter the diplomatic service, but know that finances stand in the way at this time. I have not set forth the amount of a loan which would be needed to carry me from March first to July first, preferring to wait until I know whether you would be interested in the matter. However, it would not be much, I am sure of that.

A letter addressed to me at the one given above will reach me.

Very sincerely yours,

HAROLD B. GOURDIEY

As the time will be so short, I am sure you will be glad to give your sincere interest in the affairs of the Orient, and there might be an opportunity offered by your school and entering the diplomatic service, with assignment to a post in the Orient. I have given much study to the conditions of the Far East and have the assurance that an assignment would be made there. I am aware that you have at various times offered prizes and rewards for those writing upon Oriental subjects, and I thought perhaps, that you might be interested in the proposition which I have above set forth, i.e. making a loan to one who is about to enter the service.

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I would much prefered to have failed this matter over with you, believing that we could come to a much closer understanding however, it being necessary that I return to home to-day, I must resort to this method of presenting what I had in mind. Would you desire to call the matter over with me, provided of course, that you are interested, and I would be glad to come to you one some evening for that purpose.

I might add that I am prepared to allow my name to be used in connection with recommendations from various friends who are in Europe and elsewhere, who are aware of my intense desire to enter the diplomatic service, but how that business stand in the way at this time, I have not yet taken the account of a loan which was needed to carry me from New York City to Paris, protesting to what could I know whether you would be interested in the matter. However, it would not be much, as was at that.

A letter addressed to me at the one given above will reach me.

Very sincerely yours,
Walter D. Gurnea
WALTER D. GURNEA

