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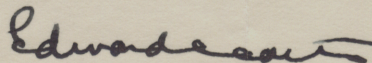
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American membership in the China Conference is to be limited to thirty, instead of the forty-five we were allowed last time. At the same time, the program seems to call for a greater proportion of technical persons than has ever been true before. You can therefore see that the task before the committee is extremely difficult. We have already had under consideration over a hundred names, carefully chosen from the point of view of program needs, and varied interests, as well as from the point of view of geographic representation. It has already been necessary for us to turn down a large number of highly qualified persons who are eager and able to go to China this fall.

I am telling you this so that you may understand clearly how the matter of American membership in the China Conference now stands. But I should be glad to receive your nominations and bring them before the selection committee at its next meeting.

Sincerely yours,



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