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Dear Friend:

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you as one of the early members of Common Cause. You deserve a personal response rather than this printed one. But the pressures of organizing ourselves quickly to handle the flood of new members rule out a personal answer.

We are greatly encouraged by the enthusiastic response to our announcement, both from interested citizens like you and from the nation's press. Common Cause has struck a chord in those Americans who believe that our country can become a better place to live -- and who are willing to help make it so.

In the months to come we will send you background information on key
commendations on how you can

That meant that Miss Chen was of a conservative religious slant just as was Bertha Reichers and Shubert. Ling and Chu were somewhat less so. But not actually in the outer darkness so to speak.

In the same paragraph there is a reference to Mary Sha. She worked as a district evangelistic supervisor along with Helen Galleher, (whom I go to visit in Ohio occasionally), for two or three years. She didn't like some things within the church and had been working in some sort of government job.

~~On the~~ Near the end, "Hwan-shen" not easy to buy. I can't figure out what it means, something to eat apparently.

Well, I've gone on at quite some length but I've enjoyed recalling that trip. You understand that this was an "event" in my life and usually life was very humdrum. I enjoyed it because it gave me a chance to see Chinese life i.e. everyday life, more or less. Also to get an understanding of my Chinese co-workers. I came back with a very deep and genuine respect for their devotion and their ability. Looking back from this distance of time and space, I'm not sure it was a very wise thing to have taken me along. The Chiang gov't was just on the verge of collapse and the commies were pressing close. And really I contributed ~~nothing~~ very little to the purpose of the trip. I didn't really expect Chu would take me. Perhaps he didn't expect I would accept when he offered to.

Anyhow I greatly enjoyed it as I did all my intimate contacts with my Chinese coworkers. Toward some of them I feel closer than to anyone I've ever known.

Now a more practical