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10. Mai 49.

To Mr. Vinfield Riefler.

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 been of the university in Mün-
 nich - Sigismund Pfeiffer.
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 soon and had no children
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 where I shared my studies
 for languages (esp. French)
 and philosophy. I traveled
 a lot with him a lot to the
 observatories of Göttingen - Bonn
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 in going to Egypt - and
 in summer to Ostende.
 In his last years nearly blind
 by working so much in
 the night, I feel still now
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 I could make him life sunny
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also has been and made him friends everywhere. He had so
kissed him momentarily during
a week by a sept. gripper. It
convinced me that he had
not the reception of war -
as we loved peace so much
as we do in our family. To
was the invention of the ^{auto-}
~~mechanical~~ & Charles Brierley and
my father Rammstein at today
Brierley had the technical
part of execution in our
factory, which is now directed
by my father Ingenieur
Karl Brierley under the name
of Clemens Brierley, formerly
in the manufacturing for
mathematical instruments.
which have grand risk in
every expression. My father
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war. But he will profit.

^{the successor}
 My father was left his single
 children - in India - two
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 etc. - to father and mother
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 They live in my father's large
 house - I married and a sister
 of mine not married we
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 I have the first floor with
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 the picture of Mr. Robert
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May 16, 1949.

Mr. Shan-Kwei Fong,
Economic Research Department,
The Central Bank of China,
Shanghai, China.

Dear Fong:

Both Mrs. Riefler and I have talked of you continuously the last few weeks, stimulated by the news of the Communist advance on Shanghai. I should have written you long ago, but I was sort of under the impression that letters might not get through. Your letter this morning dispels that, and I hasten to reply.

Your gift arrived, and it is lovely. It seemed odd and nice to have something arrive from China at this time. Also, we were very touched by the thought that was behind it.

If you decide to go abroad for further training, I will be most delighted because it will probably give me a chance for direct contact once more. Where would you go? With one of the Chinese Embassies or with one of the U. N. agencies? You could be very valuable, I should think, in either type of connection.

Please let me know what your plans are.

Sincerely,

Winfield W. Riefler.

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Mr. Reifler
CABLE ADDRESS
"GOVERNMENT"

May 9, 1949

Dear Prof Reifler

Shortly before last Christmas I wrote you a letter sending you my greetings for the holiday and subsequently I mailed a parcel containing a modest present from my wife and myself. I trust both the letter and the parcel have already reached you.

In the past few months political development in China has been so rapid that one gets the feeling as though a few years had elapsed when one tries to narrate and interpret the events. The Communist movement has been ever more successful than it hitherto has been, owing largely to the

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disintegration and unpopularity of the National Government. Important cities such as Mukden, Beijing, Tientsin, Hankow etc as well as large areas have gone under the Communist control. The morale of the Government troops is very low, although the top generals are determined to keep on the struggle.

It is yet difficult to judge the meaning and consequences of the Communist success. News from the Communist area is severely censored by the both sides. Stories told by evacuees from different areas are widely different, largely depending upon the expediency of the incoming ruler and the subjective mentality of the evacuee himself. It appears that

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The Communists are at least trying to get at the roots of China's economic and social problems but they have not yet found a well-balanced technique of handling the situation. This may be due to the fact that their success comes far earlier than they expect and no adequate preparations have been made.

The Central Bank has moved to Canton where the National Government takes refuge. I have not received any order for evacuation. I have neither fears nor enthusiasm staying on in Shanghai for as a technical expert with no political affiliations. I do not think I shall get in trouble and since ~~experts~~ ^{knowledge} and research are often neglected in a revolution. I do not think

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I shall have anything to do in
the next one or two years. Having
returned to China for three years,
it occurs to me sometimes whether
this might not be time for me to
refresh my mind abroad.

The Communists are now at
the gate of Shanghai but it looks
that they are not anxious to enter
this city. There are many reasons, one
of which may be that they would
find it difficult, before any diplomatic
relations are established, to come in
direct contact with the British and
American residents in Shanghai whose
business is so closely interwoven with
the economy of ^{this city} Shanghai. The Communists
have expressed their wish over radio
broadcast for early beginning of

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diplomatic intercourse with the U.S. and
Britain

I will write to you from time
to time about the affairs in this
part of the world which may be of
interest to you and I also hope
that you will be good enough to
drop me some line, which always
constitute a source of encouragement
to me

My best regards to you and
Mrs. Reifler.

Yours sincerely,

Shan Kwei Fong