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Government Headquarters
CANTON.

12th June, 1924.

Dear Mr. Ford,

Mr. Ng Jim Kai, the bearer of this letter, informs me that you are likely to visit China in the not distant future. Should you do so, it would give me not a little pleasure to welcome you in South China, where - - it is commonly said -- much of the intelligence, energy and wealth of this country can be found.

I know and I have read of your remarkable work in America. And I think that you can do similar work in China on a much vaster and more significant scale. In a sense it may be said that your work in America has been more individual and personal, whereas here in China you would have an opportunity to express and embody your mind and ideals in the enduring form of a new industrial system.

I am of the view that China may be the cause of the next World War if she remains economically undeveloped and thus become an object of exploitation and international strife on the part of the Great Powers. For this reason I began, as soon as the Armistice was

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signed in Europe, to think out a plan for the international development of China with a view to its consideration by the Powers at the Peace Conference in 1919. This plan has since been worked out in my book, "THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA", which was published in Shanghai in 1921 and in New York in 1922 by Messrs. Putman's Sons.

I now realise that it is more or less hopeless to expect much from the present Governments of the Powers. There is much more to hope, in my opinion, from a dynamic worker like yourself; and this is why I invite you to visit us in South China in order to study, at first hand, what is undoubtedly one of the greatest problems of the Twentieth Century.

Yours very truly,



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Mr Sun Yat-sen
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Dear Sir:

On behalf of Mr Ford we wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 12th delivered through Mr Ng Jim Kai and to thank you for the kind invitation extended.

We desire to advise, however, that Mr Ford has made no plans for visiting China in the very near future.

Very truly yours

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