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CHINESE EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 23, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I deeply appreciate your dedication of service to the defenders of my country.

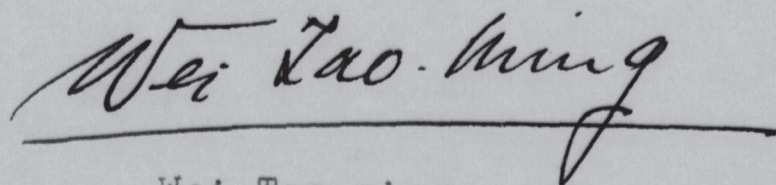
More than five years ago, when Japan embarked on her ambitious program for world domination, China stood alone in her path, undaunted and unyielding. We were a peaceful nation, ill-prepared to do battle against a powerful and ruthless enemy. But we were determined in the defense of freedom, knowing that we were also defending the rights of all mankind.

Today we fight on with renewed courage and good cheer.

We are beginning a new chapter in our resistance.

At long last our cause has come to be embraced by all the freedom-loving peoples of the world as their common cause. The United Nations are fully pledged to the defeat of the forces of evil and are resolved to build a better world in which all peoples, irrespective of race or creed, will be assured unfettered freedom to develop their cultures and to contribute to the advancement of mankind.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wei Tao-ming". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Wei Tao-ming

October 26, 1942

His Excellency The Ambassador of China
The Chinese Embassy
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Wei Tao-ming:

May I tell you how very grateful I am for the beautiful letter which you sent us and which I read at the services yesterday morning. We had a very large and impressive service in which all elements of the community participated. There was a substantial representation of the Chinese community of Cleveland and of the men and women who are active in Chinese war relief. The flag of China was on the pulpit along with the American flag, and the Chinese anthem was played at the conclusion of the service prior to our national anthem. A reception to the Chinese guests was held in The Temple Parlor following the services.

The congregation was greatly impressed with the contents of your fine and impressive letter. With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very respectfully yours,

AHS:BK

China

KEY PEOPLE CONTACTED FOR LECTURE ON CHINA,
October, 1942

Mr. Gregory, United China Relief, Community Fund (Phone & Letter)

Mr. Merriam, Exec. Secy., United China Relief (Phone & Letter)
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Thomas L. Sidlo, Union Commerce Bldg. (Letter)

Percy W. Brown, 2005 Chestnuthill Dr. (Letter)

Frank G. James, 2904 Harrington Rd. (Letter)

Wm. Foo, New China Restaurant, 1716 Euclid, CH 3398 (Phone & Letter)

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Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Fung, head of China Center, (Phone & Letter)
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PR 3632

Chin Sun Hin, 2150 Rockwell, PR 6075 (Letter)

Chinese Emergency Relief Society, (Letter)
D. H. Ming, Secy. 2154 Rockwell

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