

Naggar,

28th October, 1935.

Dear Mrs Lichtmann,

I hasten to send you my Income Tax return for 1934 together with the signed affidavit to explain the delay in filing Income Tax return for the year 1934. As stated in the affidavit I had been away on fieldwork in Mongolia, hence the unavoidable delay in filing the Income Tax return.

You will note that since April 7th, 1934, I have been receiving a salary from the U.S. Department of Agriculture amounting to U.S.\$ 3354.05 (this sum represents my salary for nine months minus one week). During the period from January, 1934, to April 7th, 1934, I have received no salary, and I am in possession of a Certificate of Compliance stating that I was exempted from Taxes for that period because of insufficient income. I am told that officers of the Department of Agriculture receiving a per diem allowance should include it in gross income and that it may be deducted therefrom. The sum of U.S.\$ 1597.50 has been therefore inserted in the Tax return form. This sum represents 260 days per diem allowance @ U.S.\$ 6.00 and 15 days per diem allowance @ U.S.\$ 2.50. I hope that the above information will be found satisfactory. I also enclose three newspaper clippings to substantiate my statement that I had been travelling during 1934 on behalf of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in China and Mongolia.

Thanking you for taking all this trouble, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

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March 6th, 1936.

Dear Mrs Lichtmann,

We have finally received from the Department the Forms 1099 about which I wrote in my letter to you dated January 10th, 1936. The Form 1099 with the covering circular letter dated February 3rd, is herewith enclosed. It appears from the information printed on the Form that the original has been sent by the Department of Agriculture to the Internal Revenue Service, Treasury Department. The sum of US\$ 4,542.52 represents my salary received between January 1st and December 31, 1935. For your information I may add that my salary for December 1935 and January 1936 has been withheld by the Department pending the settlement of all matters pertaining to the sale of the expedition's equipment. It appears however that I have to show the December salary as received, as stated in the attached circular letter of February 3, 1936. The sum of US\$ 4,609.53 represents the per diem allowance and other expenses incurred during and on behalf of the expedition. According to new regulations for the calendar year 1935, these expenses

have to be shown, and may be deducted ~~deducted~~ taxable amount, as they represent expedition expenses which are not taxable. Please show the enclosed Form to our attorneys in order to be sure that everything is right. We have sent you copies of all our correspondence with the Department beginning with June, 1935, and I trust you have received them by now. Please let me know the amount of my assessment for the calendar year 1935.

I am doing my best to expedite matters with the sale of the expedition equipment left in China. Part of it has been already sold, and we are expecting soon to receive a money draft covering the proceeds from the sales. In view of the events of January 30th, it will be impossible for us to communicate directly with the Department and we shall address all our communications through our attorneys.

I am sending by boat mail photostat copies of maps of Inner Mongolia surveyed and prepared by me. Please keep the photostats with the copy of our Report on Explorations which has been sent to Miss Grant.

With cordial greetings,

Yours very sincerely,