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March 28, 1934.

Mr. James L. Stephens,
Coastal Plain Experiment Station,
Tifton, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Stephens,

I expect, within the next few days, to wire you that final plans for the Oriental Expedition have been made and that you are included among those to go. Certain of the diplomatic details are yet to be worked out, but the plan is now to have you and MacMillan go and possibly one other, leaving this country not later than the 15th of May, and possibly earlier. I am hoping that Dr. MacMillan can return to Washington by the middle or end of next week to go actively to work on plans here. We will want you to come to Washington as soon as possible to work with him. This is just a warning in advance so you can be getting your own plans in shape and can come up here, but of course, you are close enough so you could return to Georgia in the meantime to complete your personal arrangements. I would like to have you up here to start with Dr. MacMillan so that certain other things could get under way, then with these started you could return home to complete your personal affairs.

I am sorry that we haven't been able to give a more definite word sooner, but it has been and still is a ticklish project to handle. I am looking forward to seeing you here.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely,

Knowles A. Eyerson

Chief of Bureau

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