

September 17, 1934.

Mr. Owen L. Dawson,
Agricultural Commissioner, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture,
113 Sassoon House, Shanghai, China.

(Through Bureau of Agricultural Economics)

Dear Dawson:

Our plans in regard to exploration work in the Far East the coming season are not entirely settled. We have decided to use Rock, if possible, sending him into the grasslands bordering Tibet for the purpose of securing grasses and legumes from this region the coming season, if possible. I have cabled him accordingly. We have decided to send Stephens in with him, as he will complete his work in Manchukuo with MacMillan around the first of October. Rock wishes to start around the first of November, if we were able to arrange the trip. MacMillan is coming down to Shanghai and Nanking to meet some of the botanical workers in Japan and China with whom we are cooperating, also to discuss some of our matters in which we are both interested, with you. He will then return by way of the Trans-Siberian Railroad, if that is practicable, in order to visit the extensive potato collections of Leningrad that were made in South America and also those of Berlin, so as to compare the material with that which he and Erlanson collected during their studies in South America. If it is not practicable for him to return this way, we may have him come back by way of Suez and do this work, or else have him return direct by way of the Pacific. I will await advice from him on this point. I expect that he will reach you sometime the latter part of October. Stephens may come through sooner, depending on where and when Rock wishes to meet him.

Very sincerely yours,

R. A. Ryerson,
Chief of Bureau.