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Dear Friends,

On September 1st I left Tsingtao and on the 13th - Lientsin. I was thrilled to again enjoy freedom. In Hongkong I stayed ten days and spent a week in Israel. I arrived Oct. 8th in Stockholm. It's fantastic to be able to leave Hongkong in the morning ^{by plane} and arrive the following day in Stockholm 11 p.m. What a happy reunion with my wife, brother, mother, friends and members of the Board of Foreign Missions!

While in Hongkong I spent a very pleasant time with Mr. and Mrs. Culpepper. In spite of the fact that Miss Pearl Johnson and I both had to discontinue our work in the Theological Seminary in Tsingtao from Jan. 10th - Mr. Culpepper generously paid my salary to the end of September this year. I wish to express my hearty thanks for this most liberal treatment. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching in the

-this was the pleasure of meeting Mr. & Mrs. Rankin and this was the pleasure of meeting Mr. & Mrs. Cawthon and Mr. & Mrs. Johnson.

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Memorandum, covering my thirty years as missionary in China. I think that you tops the entire period. The Swedish Baptist Mission is greatly indebted to the Southern Baptist Mission for many Christian leaders who have had their training in your seminaries. The spirit of Christian fellowships and companionship in the work of the Kingdom with your missionaries will always be one of my most treasured memories.

Under government pressure things have gone from bad to worse during 1957. Under the cloak of nationalism the authorities have tried to weld the church into a revolutionary instrument. This is done by separating it from all foreign influence, especially "American imperialism" and making it wholly obedient to the will of the government. Foreign missionary leadership must be discredited and disgraced. The church and non-Christians must believe that all missionary activity is a cloak for foreign government agents to further imperialistic aims. The church itself must root out, expose and turn over for punishment all imperialists (foreigners) and reactionary running dogs (Chenozo). The government instigates accusation meetings in church unions and individual churches. The accusations are given publicity in the dailies. This is the set pattern although details vary with local conditions and personnel. Terror and fear fill the hearts of both foreigners and Chinese. If Christian leaders do not vacillate they are charged with being reactionary and can be punished accordingly with imprisonment or death.

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information be the government line. We think that
for those who still stand for the truth. From the
association meeting the withdrawal in the churches
has dropped to at least 1/3 of what it used to be.
This may be an account of persecution, but I
believe it also is a period on behalf of members
against this unchristian and tyrannical way
of life. In larger cities religious work can still
be carried on in the church. In the country
religious activity has long ago ceased. Even
of the church cannot carry on so or-
ganization the heart of it is still present
The foreign missionaries has completed his activity
in China but the China Mission has not ended.
Can organizing of missionaries in the church in
China and the people of that land whom we
love should be more intensive than now.
Christianity is passing through its most
critical period in China. We pray and hope
that this only is the darkness before the dawn
of the greatest future.

These last Johnson has done a faithful
missionary work and is the last American Baptist
missionary in China. Even the last Swedish
missionary in the north of China & last work
done in the land of the free. Missionary work and
life's blessing upon God's people. (Crossed out)
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