CHIANG-KAI-SHEK
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Chiang Kai-shek

Chungking
18 September 1945

My Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I take the opportunity of General Hurley's visit to America to send you my affectionate greetings.

After eight days' trip I arrived in Chungking which is very hot and muggy, but notwithstanding quite bearable. The journey itself was not too bad, except when we were stalled at Abadan in Iran where the temperature was 130 degrees.

new year. Anyway the very idea that in the not too distant future people may be able to return to their old homes, or rather to what is left of them is making everybody happy. What a long and hard war this has been! May this be the last one for all times to come!

I am sending you a bolt of silk. The cocoons from which it is made come from the Silk Experimental Area that our Women's Advisory

I found the Generalissimo in good health, but somewhat thin. He wishes to express his appreciation of all your kindnesses to me. He looks forward to having you as our house-guest when you visit China.

While some government offices have sent down representatives to Kunming to prepare quarters, the Government will not leave Chungking probably until after the

Council has been directing in order to stimulate and improve silk industry in Szechuan. We have been quite successful in this field, and have helped tens of thousands of families during the war years.

With much love to you,

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mayling Soong Chiang

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Andrew Barnard Hurley