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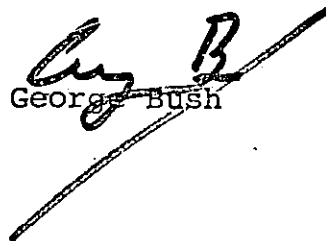
Mr. John Newman
4100 North New Braunfels Avenue
San Antonio, Texas 78209

Dear John:

Your letter was far from presumptuous. It was just great and I was delighted to have it. I will keep my eyes open to see whether there are any opportunities along the lines you suggest, though I must confess I'm not very optimistic about it at this time. My interest in tennis is such though that I'm going to take a personal following interest in this and your idea and I hope I can be helpful.

I still enjoyed our visit there and the trip.
Warm regards.

Very truly yours,


George Bush



JOHN NEWMAN.....Tennis Professional, San Antonio Country Club

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25 Sept. 1974

Mr. George Bush
Republican National Committee
310 First St. SE Washington D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. Bush;

Thank you for the Presidential Cuff-links you sent to me signed by the President of the United States. I'm really proud of them and I'm having them framed to display in my new tennis shop here at the club. It was much more than you should have done for your time is much more valuable than time out for a tennis pro. Then you sent the pictures and now I'm eager to repay you any way I can.

It was my privilege to be able to play with you and anytime you need a tennis game the Club here and the facilities are all yours. Next time I'll make the competition a bit tougher.

I'm really glad you take time out from your schedule to play tennis as it is good for the body and soul. Keep it up as often as possible.

I wish you were the new Vice-President but I've learned that all things work together for good and I'm sure your happy in your new position as the new United States Ambassador to Red China.

As you may know I coach at Trinity where my girls team are the 1973 National Champions. I've several National Champions here at school this year. The girls are all A students and real attractive.

I'm not exactly sure if what I'm about to say is being a bit bold but I would like to offer for consideration and only as a suggestion that sometime in the future my girls team have a chance for them to participate as part of a State Dept. project in to Red China holding tennis clinics and exhibitions and promoting Good Will wherever possible. The girls are really great players and several will be drafted by Pro Teams in the World Team Tennis Draft later this year. I apologize if I'm



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out of line with this suggestion, but I sincerely believe we could contribute and represent our Country in a way others could benefit from this project.

Thank you for being so gracious and thoughtful to me. God Bless you in all your endeavors and I'm looking forward to another tennis outing when and wherever possible.

Respectively Yours,

John Newman
Tennis Pro
SACC

October 3, 1974

Mr. James H. Evans, President
Union Pacific Corporation
345 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your good letter of September 12. It was good hearing from you and to know that you had a good visit with the members of the Chinese Liaison Trade Delegation and that you have already applied for visas to visit the People's Republic. Attached is some information as to how to reach me and I hope you will not hesitate to do so if there is anything I might do to be helpful after I get settled in Peking.

We leave on October 17 and, naturally, Barbara and I are thrilled and looking forward to the challenges which lie ahead for us in China.

Thanks again for your warm good wishes.

Best regards,

George Bush

Att.

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H.C. Gave letter to me for follow up

UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION

345 PARK AVENUE



NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

JAMES H. EVANS
PRESIDENT

September 12, 1974

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The Honorable George Bush
310 First Street, S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear George:

Thank you so much for your kindness in writing me as you did on September 3. We were rooting hard for you, and while we know that the Governor will be an excellent Vice President, you would be better. And I did my best to convey that fact to the White House.

With respect to China, we wish you Godspeed and much good health and wisdom as you undertake that challenging task. Through Chris Phillips it was Rosemary's and my good fortune to have five members of the Chinese Liaison Trade Delegation from Washington accompany us on a short train trip from Omaha to Denver last month. George Eccles, President of the First Security Bank in Salt Lake City, who is a Director of Union Pacific, and his wife joined us. We had a great time and found each of the five Chinese utterly charming and stimulating people. We and the Eccles have applied for visas to the People's Republic and we are hopeful that at some early time they will be issued. Needless to say, if you can be of any help to us in that respect, both George Eccles and I would be enormously grateful. Nothing would please us more than to have a good visit with you in Peking, and let's just hope that we can bring it off.

Again with thanks for your thoughtful note, and with much affection to you and Barbara from Rosemary and me.

Sincerely,

James H. Evans

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GEORGE BUSH
5161 PALISADE LANE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20016

October 2, 1974

Mr. James E. Wilson
4248 S. Hudson Parkway
Englewood, Colorado 80110

Dear ~~Mr.~~ ^{Jim} Wilson:

Your letter of September 10 just caught up with me.

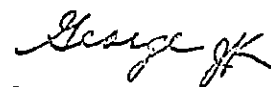
I would be pleased to look into the possibility of having Chinese scientists visit the United States after I have gotten settled over there.

Why don't you drop me a line the first of the year as a reminder. The address is:

Amb. George Bush
Chief, U.S. Liaison Office
Peking, People's Republic of China
c/o Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Give my best to Elloie. It sounds like you're leading a hectic life. Warm regards.

Sincerely,


George Bush

P.S. I dictated this just before leaving for New York, Jim, and asked my secretary to sign it.



From the desk of
GEORGE BUSH

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wrote him

see notes or letter

September 17, 1974

Mr. James E. Wilson
4248 S. Hudson Parkway
Englewood, Colorado 80110

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Ambassador Bush is in Texas and in his absence I am writing to acknowledge your thoughtful letter of September 10.

I know he will be interested in your comments regarding the Academy of Sciences of the Peoples Republic of China and a possible visit, and you may be certain they will be brought to his attention as soon as he returns to the city.

In the meantime, on behalf of Ambassador Bush, may I thank you for your kind words.

Sincerely,

Jane A. Kenny



AMERICAN GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

5205 LEESBURG PIKE FALLS CHURCH, VA. 22041

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September 10, 1974

President
James E. Wilson
1700 Broadway
Denver, Colo. 80202

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Frank B. Conselman
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Texas Tech University
Lubbock, Tex. 79409

Secretary-Treasurer
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U.S. Geological Survey
12201 Sunrise Valley Dr.
Reston, Va. 22092

SEP 1 1974

Dear George:

Congratulations on what is undoubtedly the most fascinating and critical foreign service post we have today. I know that you and Barbara--and the family--will find it very exciting.

While President of AAPG, I wrote Professor Kuo Mo Jo, head of the Academy of Sciences of the Peoples Republic, inviting him to send representatives from the Peoples Republic to the Circum-Pacific Energy and Minerals Conference held the last week in August in Honolulu. Regrettably, they declined, but it would have been an excellent opportunity for some of their earth scientists to have become acquainted with other leading scientists from the western Pacific as well as North and South America.

Should you find that the Chinese geologists would like to visit this country under scientific rather than commercial auspices, AGI would be pleased to arrange the program on this side. AGI is a federation of the eighteen earth science societies in this country and covers the field from petroleum to vertebrate paleontology.

Since retirement from Shell on the first of '73, I've been busy consulting both domestic and foreign but also doing my extra-curricular bit. We built our home in Denver and here we plan to "run out the string." Elloie joins me in wishing for you and Barbara all the best on your new assignment.

Sincerely,

The Hon. George H. W. Bush
301 First St., SE
Washington, D. C. 20003

Home - 4248 S. Hudson Pkwy.
Englewood, Colo, 80110

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maybe I
can follow up
on this in
China

Good luck

*follow up
in China*

October 2, 1974

Hon. Glenn A. Olds
President
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio 44242

Dear Glenn:

Your letter of September 11 finally caught up with me. When I get to China I will have a better idea about possible Kent State programs. Why don't you contact me around the first of the year:

Amb. George Bush
Chief, U.S. Liaison Office
Peking, People's Republic of China
c/o Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

We have quite a challenge ahead of us, but Barbara and I are looking forward to it. I was interested in knowing of your previous missionary training as well as your comments about President Bhutto. He is a good friend of mine as well.

Thanks again for writing and best regards.

Sincerely,

George Bush



From the desk of
GEORGE BUSH

Dear Glenn JK

1) Write him for me

see appropriate
2) notes on his
letter to me

September 17, 1974

Hon. Glenn A. Olds
President
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio 44242

Dear President Olds:

Ambassador Bush is in Texas and in his absence I am writing to acknowledge your letter of September 11.

I know he will appreciate your kind words and offer of assistance concerning his new diplomatic assignment, and you can be certain they will be brought to his attention as soon as he returns to the city.

In the meantime, on the ambassador's behalf, may I thank you for your thoughtful letter.

Sincerely,

Jane A. Kenny

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

KENT, OHIO 44242

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
(216) 672-2210

September 11, 1974

Mr. George Bush
Chief Liaison to
The People's Republic of China
310 1st Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear George:

Congratulations on the new and exciting appointment to the China post.

You may not know that I trained to serve in China as a Methodist missionary and then subsequently as a teacher of philosophy at West China Union University. After the war and my Ph.D. was finished at Yale, Eva's health could not pass the stringent medical exams, and we never made it. All this is just to say that the roots of our conviction about the importance of that part of the world are long standing and solidly placed. Dr. Gerald Read of our Institute for Socialist Studies has led a group of some 25 faculty to Peking and I am still counting on the appropriate occasion to get there myself.

When you are squared away, I would be grateful for your counsel. There are a number of areas in the comprehensive programs of Kent State University in the interest of the Chinese where I believe such a visit would be profitable.

friend of mine too President Bhutto of Pakistan and I roomed across the hall and were close colleagues in a conference in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia in 1968. I represented the then candidate R.M. Nixon, and Mr. Bhutto was just then out of jail. We've had correspondence and in conversation with the Pakistanian Ambassador last night in Washington, I know that his capacity to be of enormous help to us and to you in the Peking scene is significant. If there is anything I can do on that front, I would be pleased to be of help. Meantime, my special appreciation for the steady and mature way in which you handled the most difficult period for the Party and my special excitement at the promise of this new role and arena of service for you.

Eva joins in sending affectionate greetings.

Faithfully,

Glenn

- glad to know him!

better view on this after in China

give him address

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HCO Challen*



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P. O. Box 1529

September 19, 1974

Personal

Honorable George Bush
Chairman, Republican National
Committee
310 First Street, S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Mr. Bush:

When I read recently that you were a Naval Aviator picked out of the water by a U. S. submarine during World War II and I then saw your picture, I became convinced that you were the co-pilot of a downed Privateer whose crew was rescued by my submarine in the Philippine Sea about April 1944. I was Executive Officer of the QUEENFISH at the time. The reason I'm fairly sure of the date is that we were then returning to Guam at best speed after having mistakenly sunk the Japanese AWA MARU, a cartel ship traveling under the safe conduct guarantee of the U. S. State Department. She was supposedly carrying some Red Cross supplies and was in fact carrying a full load of critical war materials, including aircraft parts, munitions, rubber, tin and lead. She now lies at a salvageable depth in or near Chinese territorial waters, which should interest you in your new position.

There is another most important element to this story but I'd prefer to relate it to you in person, if you're interested. I'll be at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington September 23-25 at the Marine Technology Society meeting, or perhaps I could come to Washington again if desired. Dr. Don Chamberlain, formerly Director of Scientific Intelligence for the C.I.A. and now its Inspector General, is familiar with much of this case, as is Dr. Kissinger, I believe.

I wish you the very best of good fortune in your very important tasks in Peking and I hope it will be possible for you to enjoy this unique assignment without an overriding frustration. I have

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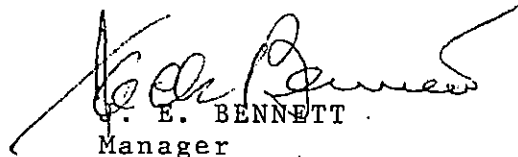
Honorable George Bush

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September 19, 1974

just recently left Sacramento where I served Governor Reagan four years as his Director of Navigation and Ocean Development so you can be assured that my sympathies are in full support of your efforts.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. E. Bennett", is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

G. E. BENNETT
Manager
Scripps Industrial Associates

September 23, 1974

Ms. Geraldine C. Beeman
2200 Willowick, Apt. #11-A
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Ms. Beeman:

Thank you for your letter of September 16 and for your good wishes. Mrs. Bush and I are looking forward to our new and challenging assignment.

I am uncertain as to visa requirements, etc. for the Peoples Republic of China. Therefore, may I suggest that you write me after November 1 as follows:

USLO Peking
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Thank you again for your friendly and interesting letter.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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GERALDINE C. BEEMAN
2200 WILLOWICK APT. 11A
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027

September 16, 1974

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Mr. George Bush,
c Republican State Convention,
Houston, Texas 77002

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Dear Mr. Bush:

You may be surprised with this letter. I talked with our minister, Dr. Tom Bagby, about how to get in touch with you since we are not acquainted. He gave me permission to use his name, and he probably can answer any inquiry about me since our friendship has extended over approximately thirty years.

In recent years it has been my privilege to travel over most of the world as an individual, making many friends and learning to understand my fellow-man. I have been able to visit many out of way places, but China has not been included for the door was not open. I would like very much to visit there. Each inquiry about going is met with a negative answer since I am not a member of a trade or cultural group or governmental group. Is there a way to overcome or get around this?

For many years I was in the field of industrial relations with one of our large oil field machinery manufacturing companies, and continue to maintain my affiliation with professional groups in this field. My education is good, and it has continued with extensive travel aided by a healthy intellectual curiosity. I have an appreciation for the arts, particularly music, and I am an avid amateur photographer.

When you have had an opportunity to reach your new assignment, and become acquainted with conditions, I would appreciate any suggestions you can offer about visiting China. Of course, first and foremost can an individual visitor get in? My passport and International Health Card are kept active, and I am certain a visa will be required.

In some way before leaving that part of the world do hope you and your family can visit in Taiwan. I had a most informative and delightful time there in 1963. Be sure to attend St. John Episcopal Cathedral. I hope that Bishop Ling will still be there - a most interesting character.

Best wishes to you and your family in your new assignment.

Sincerely,

Geraldine C. Beeman

622-6851

September 23, 1974

Albert Fields, M.D.
523 West Sixth Street - Suite 842
Los Angeles, California 90014

Dear Dr. Fields:

Thank you for your note regarding the impending visit of your group to the Peoples Republic of China. I also thank you for your good wishes. I'm sure it will be a wonderfully challenging assignment.

I am uncertain as to visa requirements, etc. for entry into the Peoples Republic. When I get there, I'm sure I'll know more. Therefore, may I suggest you write me after November 1 as follows:

USLO Peking
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Thank you again for your congratulations.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB:JJ

3 September 1974



Albert Fields, M.D.
Surgery - Vascular Diseases
DEAR AMBASSADOR BUSH: *ma*

OUR MUTUAL FRIEND, HONOURABLE
MAYOR OF CHINATOWN LOS ANGELES,
DAVID C CHOW, SUGGESTED THAT
LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT AND APPROVAL
FROM YOU TO PRC GOVERNMENT WOULD
GREATLY FACILITATE THE INVITATION
TO OUR PHYSICIAN GROUP. CONGRAT-
ULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AND
GOOD WISHES ON YOUR CHALLENGING
RESPONSIBILITY FOR FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN US AND CHINA PEOPLE. *al Fields*

Albert Fields, M.D.
SURGERY — VASCULAR DISEASES
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90014
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ALBERT FIELDS, M. D.

Surgery - Vascular Diseases

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MADISON 2-6303

July 22, 1974

The President
Chinese Medical Association
#4 San Tiao Hutung
Tung Tan Pailou
Peking, China

Dear Sir:

An invitation is respectfully requested for myself and a group of about twenty (20) American physicians to visit medical centers in the People's Republic of China for approximately 21 days during October/November, 1974, or other dates you might suggest.

As you will see from the accompanying material, I am no stranger to Chinese Medicine. I have practiced Acupuncture longer and more extensively than any other American physician. Until 1971 I had probably lectured and published more papers on Chinese Medicine than all the physicians in the United States and Canada together: more than 25 papers on Acupuncture and other aspects of Traditional Chinese Medicine during the past 25 years.

At the June 1974 Chicago Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association, for the first time in the 123-year history of the A.M.A., Chinese Medicine was presented on the regular A.M.A. program. I was the lecturer, speaking before the Section on Neurological and Orthopedic Surgery at Symposia on "Back Pain" and on "Control of Pain."

In a taped interview for the American Neurosurgical Association, and in two taped interviews from the American Medical Association Meeting for broadcasts on health programs to over 135 radio stations, I emphasized that Acupuncture and Exercises should be utilized BEFORE subjecting patients to operations on the spine. I stated that the United States could learn a great deal from China, not only in Acupuncture for surgical analgesia and pain problems, but also in Herbology, Exercises (T'AI CH'I CH'UAN, WU SHU and KUNG FU), diet, paramedical personnel (barefoot doctors) and health care provision.

With my own eyes I would like to see these things in your country, especially since I am repeatedly invited to write and to lecture on Chinese Medicine. I will enclose a copy of the letter inviting me to write a chapter on Acupuncture in a book for the University of California Press.

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ALBERT FIELDS, M. D.

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I am associated with the U.S. - CHINA PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION, attend many of their meetings, and have lectured on their behalf. Because of my activities with the Medical Association (President of the Metropolitan Los Angeles District), I was instrumental in arranging for Prof. Victor D. Sidel to use the auditorium for his lecture on his trips to China.

I was a long-time member of the "Understanding China" committee of the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) and along with Dr. Sidney R. Bob published our review of Joshua Horn's "Away with all Pests" in the understanding China Newsletter. A longer review of Horn's book, prepared by me, was published in Newsletter of the Medical Association.

I am a graduate of the University of Toronto, the school where Norman Bethune earned his M.D. degree. I knew Dr. Bethune and heard him lecture on behalf of the Spanish Republicans in Toronto in 1937. I have visited Gravenhurst, where he was born, the Quebec hospitals where he worked, and Trudeau Sanitarium at Saranac where he was a patient. I should see Shihchiachuang. I have made a study in depth of the surgical instruments and many surgical techniques devised by this great physician whose life was truly "Serve the People".

I speak a little Chinese and along with my physician friends continue to study the Chinese language and to read more about the history and culture of China in order to learn as much as possible during our 21-day visit. Should the Chinese Medical or Foreign People's Association agree to extending an invitation for this visit, we expect to be responsible for the entire cost of our stay in your country.

You are probably aware of the recent criticism in some medical journals of Acupuncture, especially in the treatment of deafness. Our physicians are interested in visiting deaf-mute schools and small commune clinics as well as observing Acupuncture treatments and operations under Acupuncture analgesia. We would consider it a privilege to discuss recent studies in Acupuncture and other aspects of Medicine with investigators at your great medical centers, such as the Peking Medical College and the Shanghai Physiological Institute.

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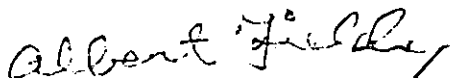
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We should also like the opportunity to observe your Treasure House of Herbology, Rehabilitation Exercises, medical and public health education and health care delivery with Chinese physicians, educators and research specialists. Our physicians will be largely specialists and acknowledged leaders in American Medicine. They will be able to impart knowledge gained from our visit to your country to a wide segment of the Western medical world. I feel that it is most important that there be personal contacts such as this between Chinese and American physicians, so that your advances in Medicine can be made available to people outside of China.

"TIME IS LIFE FOR THE WOUNDED"

Norman Bethune, M.D. (1890 - 1939)

Sincerely,



Albert Fields, M.D.

GUEST LECTURER: Numerous Hospitals and Medical Societies, International College of Surgeons, American College of Surgeons, Medical Trial Technique Comprehensive Medicine; Town Hall, American Physical Fitness Association, Association for Health and Physical Fitness, Academia Peruana de Cirugia (Peru), American Medical Association.

UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES: Nacional (Mexico), California College of Medicine (now U.C. Irvine), Rome, Italy; Tokyo, Japan; San Marcos, Peru; Lisbon, Portugal; Los Angeles City, Pierce, Grossmont, Redlands, Golden West, and the University of California in Los Angeles.

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1937	M.D. at University of Toronto
1937 - 1938	Internship - Albany Hospital
1938 - 1941	Residency - Surgical and General Pathology New York City Hospital
1941 - 1942	Practice - General Surgery - New York
1943 - 1946	United States Armed Forces - In charge of surgical teams in combat zones - Orthopaedic and Vascular Surgery
6 months	Valley Forge General Hospital - Reconstructive & Vascular Surgery - Bronze Star Medal & Four Combat Stars
1947 - 1948	Surgery - Los Angeles County General Hospital
1947 - 1951	Surgical Research - Cedars of Lebanon Hospital under Professor Harry Goldblatt, M.D.
Since 1948	Practice in Los Angeles - Surgery - Special interest in Peripheral Vascular and Pain Problems

More than 60 published surgical papers, mostly related to peripheral vascular and pain problems.

More than 60 papers published related to science history.

Scientific Exhibits at California Medical and American Medical Association.

Award for Scientific Exhibit at 1961 Industrial Health Conference.

Consultant to the Attorney General of California in Disability Evaluation and legal-medical problems.

Independent Medical Examiner - Workman's Compensation Appeals Board
(Industrial Accident Commission).

Consultant in Surgery to Medical Examiner Los Angeles County.

MEMBER: Los Angeles County, California and American Medical Associations
Combined Committee of Los Angeles County Bar and Medical Associations,
Chairman 1962.

Sociedad Mexicana de Angiologia

Societe Internationale d'Histoire de la Medecine

Institute for Comprehensive Medicine

Society for History of Medical Sciences

Barlow Society for History of Medicine

Metropolitan Los Angeles District of County Medical Association

- Board of Governors - Executive Committee - President 1969.

House of Delegates, California Medical Association

Liaison Committee California Medical Assoc. to State Bar 1968-1971

Pasteur Club - President 1972-1973

Committee on Legislation, Los Angeles County Medical Assoc. 1973-1974

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Albert Fields, M.D.
Surgery - Vascular Diseases

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GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA MENSA COMMENTARY

WINNER OF AMC EDITORS' AWARD, 1974

Vol. X, No. 9

September, 1974

Another super-duper program was heard by a record-breaking number of Mensa members and guests at the July fourth-Friday meeting. Gathered on the mezzanine floor of Great Western Savings to hear Dr. Albert Fields, exponent of acupuncture for over 25 years, the audience learned the secrets of the Chinese technique for pain relief.

Dr. Fields, a medical doctor who believes in modern procedures for disease detection, took a conservative view of the 5,000-year-old procedure and its uses. A plastic male model about a foot high and large cardboard displays, all pin-cushioned with acupuncture points, supplemented his slide lecture.

Several doctors were in the audience. At least four of them joined in the commentary, one with such enthusiasm that he had to be reminded that it was time for more questions from the audience.

Dr. Fields, friend of the writer Han Susan (I've Is a Many-Splendored Thing) and recent lecturer before the American Medical Association (AMA) in Chicago, seemed to find a warmer welcome among Mensans than the surgeons of the AMA. They took a dim view of his statement that they were wrecking the lives of many young people by using surgery when a useful alternative treatment for various back pains might be acupuncture, which leaves no crippling after-effects.

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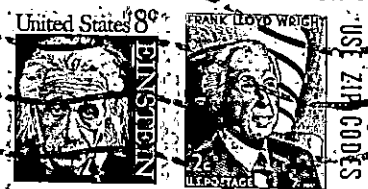
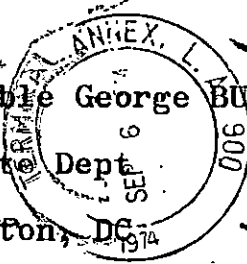
ACUPUNCTURE AT THE AMA 1974

At the June 1974 Chicago meeting of the American Medical Association, Chinese medicine appeared on the regular program of the AMA for the first time in 123 years. An illustrated lecture, "Acupuncture Revisited," was presented by Dr. Albert Fields, a Los Angeles surgeon specializing in blood vessel disabilities and pain problems. Dr. Fields has been involved with acupuncture more extensively than any other American physician. His lecture to the convention participants concerning surgery dealt in part with present-day concepts of acupuncture action. In his AMA lecture and at the symposium on "Back Pain" and "Control of Pain" before the participants interested in neurological and orthopedic surgery, Dr. Fields pointed out that laminectomies and various disk operations aggravated the disabilities in tens of thousands of young Americans. He emphasized that acupuncture and exercises be tried, and improved criteria be utilized before subjecting patients to spine operations. Dr. Fields' comments were not too enthusiastically received by the orthopedists and neurosurgeons. He agreed that acupuncture should not be used for treatment of a symptom without diagnosis, and that acupuncture did result in many failures and some complications; however, he also referred to the over 100,000 estimated American deaths every year attributed to prescribed medicines. Dr. Fields indicated that Americans could learn from China much more than acupuncture for surgical analgesia and pain problems. He stated that Americans submit to many unnecessary operations and take tons of tranquilizers, corticoids, addictive and high-risk medications. The Chinese benefit from the "treasure house" of herbology, more exercises (bicycles, T'ai Ch'i Ch'uan, Wu Shu and Kung Fu), better diets (less calories, meat, high fat dairy products, salt, sugar and refined foods and more vegetables, fish and soy derivatives). The Chinese make far more use of paramedical personnel (health workers, barefoot doctors, nurses) who then provide a pool for MD training. Probably most important, the Chinese have developed greater public participation in health education and rely on patients helping patients, with service to the people as their goal.

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