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### **Letter, Owen Lattimore to Mortimer Graves**

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#### **Summary:**

Owen Lattimore continues to lobby for support to recruit an area studies specialist from Xinjiang.

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Mr. Mortimer Graves  
American Council of Learned Societies  
1219 16th Street, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mortimer:

Attached is a copy of a letter I have just received from representatives of a group of refugees from Sinkiang who are now in Kashmir.

What do you think would be the opportunities of trying to bring to this country someone with 1) native speaking knowledge of Central Asian Turkish; 2) good knowledge of Chinese, written as well as spoken; 3) good "area" and political knowledge of Sinkiang.

It might be possible to work out an arrangement for sharing such a person between the Page School and Norman Brown's South Asia Institute at Pennsylvania.

It would also be logical, in connection with the Mongol work we are doing at the Page School, to add Central Asian Turkish.

Very sincerely,

Owen Lattimore  
Director

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