

FINAL REPORT FOR THE 2004 REP GRANT

Project Title: "Elite Collaboration in Japanese-Occupied China: The Cultural Power and Political Influence of Hu Lancheng, 1938-1945."

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Results of the Project: I conducted research at the general library of the University of Hong Kong from 21-27 May and 11-18 June; at the Second Historical Archives in Nanjing, China from 28 May-10 June; and at the East Asian Collection of Stanford University and the Chinese Collection of the University of California-Berkeley from 14-24 August 2004. I perused and photocopied significant material about the project. For example, at the Second Archives I found an official document, signed by Chairman Wang Jingwei in 1941, which appointed Hu Lancheng as Deputy Propaganda Minister of Wang's puppet Chinese government headquartered in Nanjing (1940-1945). I also discovered an official message (dated November 1944), composed by a Japanese consul in Shanghai, in support of Hu's new journal titled *Bitter Bamboo* for publication in Occupied China. At the East Asian Collection I located the first edition (1940) of Hu's *It Is Difficult to Go To War, But It Is Also Not Easy to Achieve Peace*. This volume of essays was his primary work arguing for China's painful but necessary collaboration with the Japanese.

Presentations: (1) "How Much Can *Jinsheng Jinshi* Shed Light on the Wang Jingwei Regime?" Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Conference on Asian Studies, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1-3 October 2004. (*Jinsheng Jinshi* ["This Life, This World"] was Hu's memoirs.) (2) "Hu Lancheng and Li Shiqun in Occupied China, 1940-1945." Presented at the annual meeting of the New England Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, 5-6 November 2004.

Related Grants Awarded in 2004: (1) Small Grants Program, Association for Asian Studies: \$1,992. (2) Travel Grant, Center for Japanese Studies, University of Michigan: \$700. (3) Wason Library Travel Grant, Cornell University: \$500.

