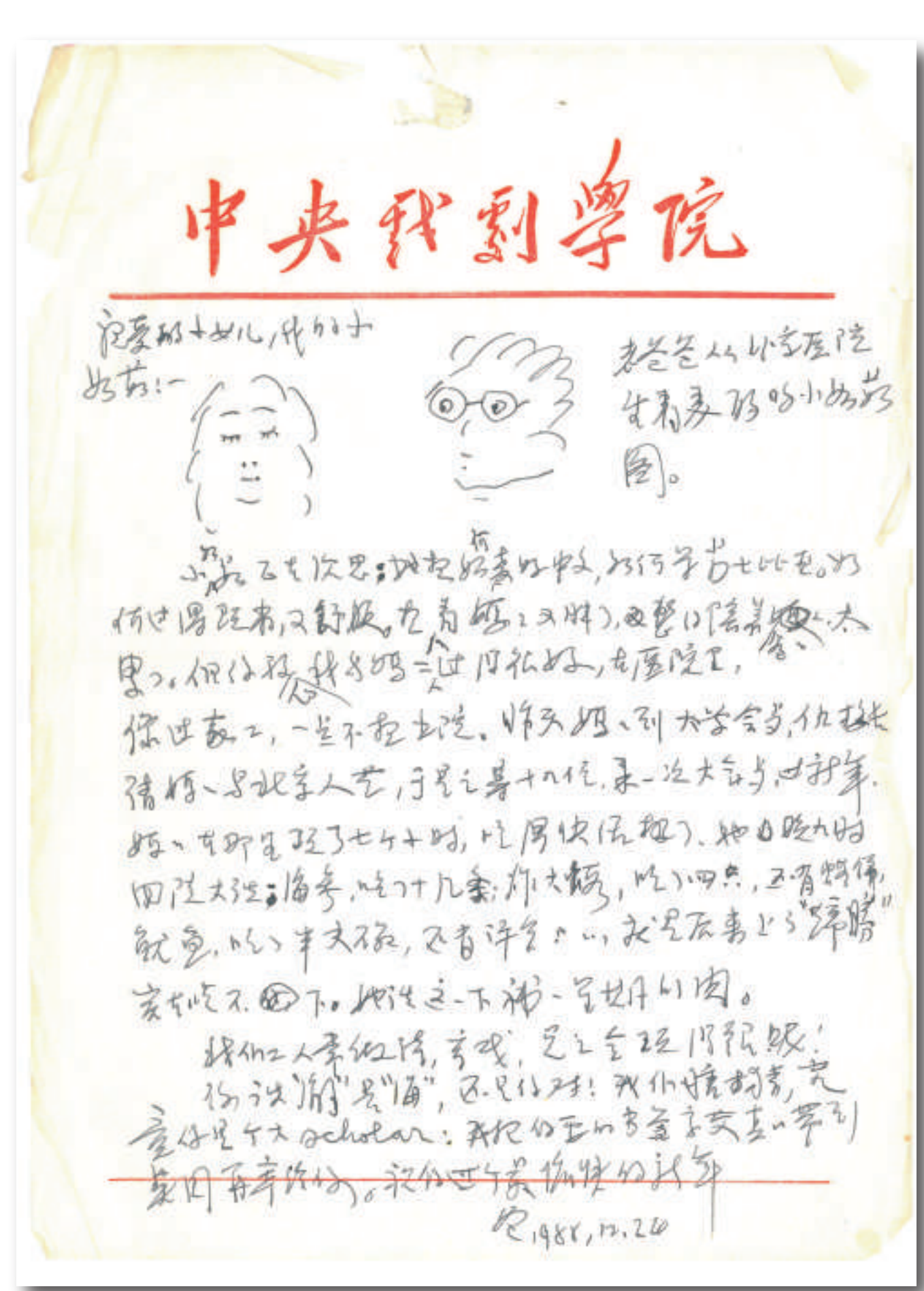


“ It is very, very difficult for people to understand themselves. When you do, you are however already handicapped. This is the tragedy, a very sad tragedy. We’ve paid far too much for discovering the truth. ”

- Cao Yu,  
interview with Tian Benxiang, 1982



The haven Cao Yu enjoyed most was his companionship with his wife, children and friends when, at least temporarily, he felt some release from his chronic anguish.



Cao Yu’s letter to his stepdaughter Li Ruru

“ My little daughter, my little Ruru: - ”

Image of the old Pa looking at my beautiful Ruru from the Beijing Hospital...



Cao Yu with his wife, four daughters and his grandson, 1991



Cao Yu married Li Yuru, a prominent Beijing Opera singer, in 1979



Cao Yu and Ying Ruocheng at Arthur Miller's home, 1980



Cao Yu with John Fairbank, a renowned Sinologist, 1980



Cao Yu in Trafalgar Square, London, 1980