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To His Excellency The Viceroy, Lord Irwin, Viceregal Lodge Simla.

Your Excellency,

About four weeks ago Mrs Roerich has telegraphed your Excellency asking your assistance in granting visae to Prof. N. Roerich and his son for India. For reasons incomprehensible to us these visae have been postponed by the London Office.

Because of the severe hardships during the Roerich Art Expedition, the health of Mrs Roerich has been seriously affected, which necessitates her remaining in this altitude. Owing to the ill-health of Mrs Roerich we were obliged to come from America to remain with her during Prof. Roerich's absence. The refusal of the visae for reentering India, which caused further separation of the family and has delayed Prof. Roerich's return here, has seriously aggravated Mrs Roerich's condition, her heart being maintained by medicinal stimulants.

Owing to pressing matters of our institutions in America at the moment of the great expansion of our cultural work, our return to the United States has been urgently requested, but due to the Regrich's precarious condition of health it is impossible for us to leave her alone without the presence of her family. Therefore our return to America which has been already delayed, is now awaiting Prof.Roerich's arrival. The gravity of the situation is evident, inasmuch as Prof.Roerich's presence here is most urgent.

knowing of your interest in all cultural undertakings and your previous kindness in granting a visa to the younger son of Prof.Roerich, we trust that your Excellency will give due consideration to this serious situation and will lend your assistance in granting the visae to Professor Roerich and his sons for India, thus enabling us to return to America shortly.

In anticiaption of your reply, we remain, Respectfully yours

Vice-President, ROERICH MUSEUM, N.Y.

Vice President, SOCIETY OF FRIENDS of ROERICH MUSEUM, N.Y.

Mrs Nettre Horch, M ss Esther J.Lichtmann, NAGGAR. Kulu. Funiah.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 24, 1930.

TO THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES:

This letter will be presented by Professor Nicholas K. Roerich of the Roerich Museum of New York City. Professor Roerich is going abroad to continue his research work and I would be greatly obliged if you will extend to him every courtesy possible.

Very respectfully,

W. E Borok

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February 17, 1930

To whom it may concern of the British Authorities

American Consular Representatives:

This letter has been forwarded by me to Professor Nicholas Roerich, Honorary President of the Roerich Museum and President of Urusvati, the Himalayan Research Institute of the Roerich Museum of New York City.

Professor Roerich is a Vice-President of the Archaeological Institute of America and as such the Institute bespeaks for him the customary and proper courtesies which you have always given in the past to officers of the Archaeological Institute of America.

The Archaeological Institute of America has entered into mutual cooperative work with the Roerich Museum, and Professor Roerich represents, while abroad, the interests of the Archaeological Institute.

Very truly yours,

R. V. D. Magoffin President

RVDM/md



Cabinet du Ministre de l'Instruction Publique et des Beaux Arts. Paris, le 19 Juillet 1920

Monsieur Pierre MARRAUD, Ministre de l'Instruction Publique et des Beaux-Arts recommande à la bienveillante attention des autorités chargées de l'enseignement des Beaux-Arts dans les possessions françaises, M. le professeur Nicolas ROERICH, auteur du pacte international pour la protection de l'Art et de la Science.

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NUMEROUS CHURCHES AND MONASTERIES WITH RELIGIOUS PAINTINGS AND

ICONS IS KNOWN TO ME AS A MAN OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY. STOP.

AT PRESENT PROFESSOR ROERICH CANNOT OBTAIN HIS VISAS FOR INDIA. STOP.

MRS ROERICH WHOSE HEALTH IS IN A DANGEROUS AND CRITICAL CONDITION

IS AT PRESENT IN NAGGAR KULU. STOP.

I ASK IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THAT YOU ABSIST PROFESSOR
ROERICH TO OBTAIN HIS VISAS SO THAT HE CAN JOIN HIS SICK WIFE. STOP.

I SHOULD APPRECIATE DEEPLY YOUR HELP IN THIS EXCLUSIVE MATTER.

METROPOLITAN PLATON
HEAD OF RUSSIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA AND CANADA.

September 30. 1930

Mr. Louis L. Horch, President Roerich Museum 310 Riverside Drive New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Horch:

The following reached me today from Mr. Owen D. Young:

"My dear Mr. Emmons:

There must be something more back of the English refusal of the visa for Professor Roerich than you know or I know. Certainly, the British Foreign Office does not refuse visas to people, so far a s I know, anywhere in the British dominions, particularly when there is such a tragic situation as a wife's illness justifying a visit. I would want to know something more about this situation than is contained in your letter before I acted on your request. The list of advisers carried on the letterhead of the corich Museum contains the names of many men whose intervention would be sufficient to obtain the visa. They know Professor Roerich, and I do not."

(Signed) "Owen D. Young."

It is with keen regret that I am obliged to make the above report to you, and I hope it will be possible for you to induce some of the influencial members of your advisory committee to intervene on Professor Roerich's behalf.

Mr. Young, in his reply, has expressed exactly the same opinion concerning the use of the influence of some of your advisers, as I expressed at the start to Mr. Lichtmann. May I make this added suggestion, for your consideration; would you consider it possible and advisable to have the Hon. Charles R. Crane, or some other member of your committee, of a group from the committee, confer together on this matter, survey the data and facts, and then go to Mr. Young laying the whole situation before him, for his further consideration? You will note Mr. Young's statement "I would want to know more about this situation than is contianed in your letter before I acted on your request." If my request is immediately followed up by some prominent member of your committee, or a group from your com ittee, thoroly informed as to the whole matter, there is a possibility that he may find it to be something he would really wish to do.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) C.H. Emmons

SEAL

India ffice
Whitehall
2nd October, 1930

My dear Mr. Cook,

I am much obliged to you for your long letter of the 17th September on the subject of Professor Nicholas Roerich. Believe me, I am sensible of the great interest being taken in the Professor's case by a number of distinguished people and I have myself given my personal attention more than once but the matter. The story is a long one, and there are grave practical difficulties in the way of meeting the Professor's request. The present position is that we are considering further, in consultation with the Government of India, the question of granting facilities for his journey, but I cannot yet say what the result will be.

I can, however, assure youthat in coming to a decision the condition of Madame Roerich's Mealth is a matter to be taken carefully into consideration.

Yours sincerely
(signed) Wedgwood Benn

Arthur Cook, Esq.

FOREIGN OFFICE S.W.I.

3rd October, 1930.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 26th August last and previous correspondence on the subject of your desire to obtain a visa to visit India, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Henderson to inform you that the Government of India have felt it necessary to satisfy themselves as to the actual state of Madame de Roerich's health, and it was impossible for them to do this while she was at Kyelang.

- 2. They understand, however, that she intends to return to Kulu at the beginning of October, and so soon as she returns, they will lose no time in deputing the Civil Surgeon of the District to examine her.
- 3. Of the examination shows the necessity of her early return to Europe and of her being accompanied on the journey by her husband, a limited visa will be granted to you for this purpose.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

S. GASELEE.

Professor Nicholas de ROERICH, c/o Bankers Trust, Place Vendôme, Paris. Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State for India, Public & Department,

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London, S.W.1,
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INDIA OFFICE,
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/ October, 1930.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 6th instant, in which you announce your intention of proceeding to Pondicherry and to inform you that the Government of India has been notified accordingly.

Mr. Benn desires me to express his appreciation of your condolences on the loss of the R.101.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Robert

Professor N. de Roerich, c/o Bankers Trust, Place Vendome, Paris.





Professor N. de Roerich,

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St. James Palace S. W. Octl 21, 1930

The private Secretary is desired by the Prince of Wales to acknowledge Miss Ann Clark's letter of the 5th instant which His Royal Highness has caused to be forwarded to the India Office for consideration.

Miss Ann Clark 149 Manhattan Avenue New York, New York

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Holiday House
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29/10/1930

To His Excellency the Viceroy of India.

Excellency,
I am permitting myself a great liberty in forwarding you the enclosed letter. I can but hope that the aim I have in mind will justify my action in your eyes.

To those who, like myself, know Professor Roerich and his family, his past, his present and his aims thoroughly, the refusal to renew his passport for India seems painfully unjust. So much so indeed that I am venturing to send you this letter which I have just received from one of the founders (financially) of the Roerich Institute in New-York, who is staying with Madame Roerich during the absence of Professor Roerich.

The last page of the letter is particularly pathetic. The letter is in answer to one of mine in which I had tried to excuse the action of our Government in London on the plea of the present situation in India and the role which the Russian Soviet are playing therein; In such times the innocent suffer for the guilty.

Is it not possible for your Excellency to exercise your judgment and will in this matter? that is: that your considered opinion based upon information not usually possessed might outweigh badly or insufficiently informed opinion at Home?

I have known the Roerich family for years intimately. When they were in Darjeeling (June to Demcember, 1928) we were in and out of each others' homes daily. I saw them under every aspect of ceaseless labout, of a beautiful home-life, of an idealism which never fell from its lofty pedestal.

I am positive they are far from sympathising with any subversive agency whether of the Soviet or of the Indian National Congress. All their thought, day and night, is turned towards the Spiritual planes. Mrs Roerich herself is a marvellously gifted Soul, and in constant communication with the Heights. I hate to reveal this, but I want your Excellency to know something of the inner life of that family which you could only know from intimates of the family. Mrs Roerich is in such close living contact with Christ and "His Companions", that it is like a perpetual spiritual bath to be near her. She has been the inspiration of her husband from the day he met her and the inspiring friend of her two splendid sons; she is the force behind the Roerich Museum. I have witnessed her powers and have had the privelege of benefiting from the her great knowledge and perpetual striving after the highest rungs of the ladder of Truth. Those who have had that privilege have given their all towards the materialization of her dreams for the uplift of humanity...along educational, artistic and cultural lines.

It is not likely that the real Power behind the Roerich activities, and which I have just touched upon, will ever be made public. When I try try the impossible: eliminating from my consciousness the intimate knowledge and proof I possess of Madame Roerich's greatness, I can vaguely realize that appearances may be against Professor Roerich. Now many are there who live according to the dictates of the Highest?... That is my excuse for laying before you something of the inner life of the Roerich Family.

Miss Lichtmann, the writer of the enclosed letter, is a wealthy naturalised American (German), who has given her all to the Roerich activities in New-York. She is staying with Madame Roerich during her husband's absence...

In case there may be doubt about my own witnessing, I will say that I am the Mother of Captain George Finch, D.S.O. and Professor of Chemistry in the University of London (Techn.Dept.) He was a member of the Everest Expedition in 1922 and is again actively preparing for another such Expedition. He is a Member of the Royal Geographical Association.

I beg your Excellency to forgive me for thus encroaching on your most valuable time.

I am,

Excellency, Yours faithfully

(signed [d. J. Finsh)





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Dear Mr Horch.

Your letter where you speak of the information you received about Prof.and Mme Roerich not wanted here by the Government because they are too human, Mme Roerich "is not European but is like native - and loved by the natives, that Prof. Roerich is such a fine and lovely man and an aimable man and that they have no proofs and have nothing against him but they fear he could perhaps become influenced by their enemies because he is so aimable, these informations coincide with the informations I received here from a very fine Englishman, who told me that the rumors which have reached the Government through police officials and probably some stupid spies. that Prof. and Mme Roerich are too good to the people displeased the Government. And the rumors are the following ones: Prof. Roerich gives hundreds of rupees to construct temples here!!! whereas we had one dance with Kulu gods for our cinema film in America, when Prof. Roerich was yet here and of course we gave something to the people who performed, so did the Viceroy Lord Goschen give (last year when he was in Kulu Valley) Rs:50 to the dancers. The next dance was this year when Mrs Horch took a movie and we again gave some Rs: 25 to the performers. The next accusation is that we pay to the old Brahmin who makes "pujah" over the few stone carved gods we havein the garden, Rs:10 a day!!! whereas the poor man gets as much as Rs:10 a month and a couple of rupees for raisins which he gives us back. In order we shall be able to keep these stone carvings they had to be worshipped otherwise they would have taken them away into a temple. And on accusations of this kind the Government bases itself in not letting Prof. Roerich in!

We also know that the first slanderer of Prof.Roerich was Mr.Pool, the S.D.O., the official, who without knowing Prof.Roerich at his arrival in the Valley, gave reports that the Roerich family are "Russian spies". This Mr.Pool, who was disliked by the British settlers as well as by the natives tried however so badly to sell all his junk and 2 horses and car and crockery to the Roerich family, whom he slandered as "Russian spies". May be we were wrong not buying from him the things

he offered ... for a high price!!!

As to the information you received about a medical examination for Mme Roerich we must also be on our guard because if the officials consider that Prof.Roerich "has something else on his mind" besides scientific purposes, then we are also taught by this formula to think that in sending up a civil surgeon for examination they may have also "something else on their mind" and after all other distortions we know of, we are

fully entitled to distrust when we are so little trsuted.

I was dumbfounded to read in your letter of the proposition of the Government to give to Prof.Roerich a temporary visa in case the civil surgeon finds Mme Roerich too ill and thus to enable Prof.Roerich to take Mme Roerich to Europe. Isthis the only humanitarian proposition the officials could find, knowing how dangerous it is for Mme Roerich to undertake a sea-voyage and to change the altitude from a higher to a lower? Besides Prof. and Mme Roerich have settled here and made Naggar their home, so they the officials cannot propose to drive out Mme Roerich from her home (who is the President Founder of Urusvati) especially that now it is for our American interests of culture the place of our scientific work being that Prof. and Mme Roerich have donated to our Institutions the land, such a great gift for America's possibility to advance in science and research work. Thus advising Prof.Roerich to take Mme Roerich sway it is double crime, one against a very ill lady, whom it would mean to submit to fatal consequences, and the other act

is directly against America, because in treating Prof.Roerich this way the Officials slap America in the face. Thus alongside with the tragic condition of Mme Roerich's health there is also the question of a principle in which is involved America's dignity and pride. Is it possible that an equally great to Prof.Roerich figure, an Englishman, would be so humilated and treated so cruelly in America as Prof.and Mme Roerich are here treated?

I am very happy that a French physician is coming out here for the sake of Mme Roerich, as the condition of her health has alarmed me greatly. Mme Roerich suffers at present from the vomitting spells, which she also had in Kyelang, but which have greatly increased since we are back at Naggar. A few days ago Mme Roerich vomitted with blood and this worries me very much. The strain of the vomitting spells has caused her a sharp neuralgic pain in the back and in the appendix, thus disabling Mme Roerich to move. Of course I have slowly to prepare Mme Roerich to the thought of the coming of the French physician as she is in a very nervous state and does not stand anyone new around her. Still it will be a great comfort to have a physician watch her health.

It breaks Madame Roerich's heart to think that after all the strain of over 17 months her own cannot come home and must go now to the hot

French India in order to be a little nearer to her.

Mme de Vaux Phalipau wrote to me from Paris that information has reached her that the visas to Prof.Roerich and George were promised to be given to them within this month. This gave us hope and we pray it should materialize.

Have received the check for Urusvati for Rs: 8688, also a notifi-

cation about \$200 sent: Is it also for Urusvati?

Dr.Koelz is doing fine work. He will soon go on a tour to lower altitudes. He has a wonderful variety of plants and birds. The Museum of Urusvati has a fine collection and he hopes to increase it considerably during the next months.

With kindest thoughts to you and all Directors
Your devoted

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Nov. 7th, 1930

10. IT.

Mr. William R. Castle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Castle,

At a time of great need and distress, witnessing a situation which not only touches on human relationship but which involves our feeling of American National pride, I am addressing myself to you for help, having heard from Prof.Roerich and our representatives in America of your humanitator and cultural attitude in the case of the Roerich visas.

Since the month of April this case of the refusal of visas by Britain has taken on a universal aspect in as much as all greatest Representatives of all countries and culture have taken an active part to stand up for a figure of greatest potentiality, as is Prof.Roerich, whose cultural work is hailed by the whole world and whom Britain has treated in such cruel and undeserved way.

For us Americans of all Nations it is a most vital question this attitude of Britain against one, whom we claim our own, because he has given to our Country the fruit of his thought and activity, in enriching our culture and our standing in the opinion of the cultural world.

As a representative of our American Institutions, left in charge of M-me Roerich's health during Prof. Roerich's absence, knowing of all the danger this detention of Prof. Roerich and her sons entails with it for M-me Roerich's life, I am most grateful to you, dear Mr Castle for the splendid help you extended to us. If it is an unprecedented case that our State Department stands up for one who is not America's son by birth or naturalization, then this unprecedented case of help is justified, because America can fully claim Prof. Roerich her own, in view of the great work Prof. Roerich and the Institutions he and M-me Roerich have founded, have done for the American cause all over the world. Do not great men make the country great and does not the fame of a great country owe it to its great men? And is not the beauty of history built upon the unprecedented, the unusual, just on that which deviates from the usual and surpasses the standard of life? And because you know, dear Mr Castle, the beauty of the unprecedented, having shown it in your intervention for Prof. Roerich's right to re-enter his home, I appeal to you for help, as the development of the whole case and Britain's attitude take on a shape in opposition to the friendly and human relationship between the two English speaking countries, showing the lack of respect to America in treating the Founders of American Institutions the way the whole procedure of the British went on for months.

We, the representatives of American cultural Institutions, we are deeply hurt at this hostile attitude of Britain against our Founders

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and our Institutions, as we can claim that in acting thus Britain disrespects America, because it is universally known now, what the endeavours
of Prof.Roerich are and universally acknowledged what the Roerich Museum
does under America's Banner all over the world for Art, Education, Beauty
and Peace, as the American Institutions founded by Prof. and M-me Roerich
have branches and affiliations all over the world under the name of Friends
of Culture and Friends of Roerich Museum, forging everywhere better understanding and relationship between various Nations and America.

Further the Roerich American Expedition traversed the whole of Asia under the Banner of America extolling the greatness of our Country, its great Representatives, its peoples and the possibilities of cooperation, instilling in the East the love for America.

For doing this for America, Prof. and M-me Roerich undergo now the hostilities, suffering all hardships of a cruel separation and threat from the British to break up their home, should a civil surgeon, sent by them, find that M-me Roerich "is not too ill to travel". There is no other ground for wanting to keep Prof.Roerich out of this country, but the only one - the non-desire to have here an American Institution.

The latest proposition made to us here, concerning the question of visas, was to submit M-me Roerich to a medical examination and should M-me Roerich be too ill to travel, a temporary visa would be then granted to Prof.Roerich so that he should still take her to Europe. This proposition of the Government I have not laid and am not prepared to lay before M-me Roerich and have implored the authorities here as well as all our representatives in America to keep away such news from M-me Roerich, because she is not in a condition to withstand any such offensive measures as sudden news of this kind and worries may be fatal for her. Besides M-me Roerich is not a prisoner and such an offensive proposition in time of Peace is an act against the good will for an international understanding between the peoples. M-me Roerich is a great Soul, a proud nature of highest culture endowed with the subtlest feelings and to offer such coarse and hostile measures in time of Peace to be inflicted upon such a great Lady is a deplorable and impermissable act worthy of the mediaeval ages.

As much as I have tried to give a clear account of M-me Roerich's illhealth and her terrible nervous condition on account of months of anxiety and just indignation about her family being so cruelly treated and the realization that this refusal of visas and whole attitude are aiming to eliminate here the great cultural undertaking under America's flag, I could not tell all to Prof.Roerich, how dangerous the condition of M-me Roerich is; Prof.Roerich is struggling fruitlessly for so many months for his right to come home. Thus being in the post tion best of all to judge the condition of M-me Roerich's health, I consider it of question to lay before M-me Roerich this humilating proposition of a medical examination, as besides the danger for M-me Roerich's health there are many other reasons for us to see but a trap in this proposition; just as they trapped Prof.Roerich, in closing the doors of his home after he has settled here and peacefully lived for a year at Naggar and previously to that a long time in 1923 in Darjeeling, without having been touched nor advised that he was an undesirable. But when Prof.Roerich went to America

for the inauguration of our Building and all its activities, he was banned from his home.

After all the cruel distortions of the Officials, which have occurred in thus case, we cannot trust any physician sent by hestile to us forces, because this is only one of the means to shield their wrong and inhuman deeds enacted against Prof. and M-me Roerich during this case of visas. We know beforehand their statement even if we have our physician present, who will disagree with them - the only statement which will help their decision to eliminate our Institution here, in keeping Prof. Roerich sway.

Bosides the inhuman side of this proposition there is the great moral side which becomes a case of principle for American National pride to stand up for our cause - M-me Roerich is to us American representatives of Culture not just a private individual, but a great Lady, a great Personality, the Force of Inspiration of all our works; all creative ideas which are at the foundation of our Institutions in America and all over the world we owe to our Founders Prof. and M-me Roerich.

M-me Roerich is the Honorary President Founder also of our American Himalayan Research Institute, to which Prof. and M-me Roerich have donated the great gift of land and have given the whole scope of work. Thus in proposing to submit N-me Roerich to a humiliating medical examination after all voices of so many Representatives of great Nations and Churches as well as the intervention of America could not prevail over a malicious design of a hostile force - Britain humiliates directly America because she takes no notice of what America asks for and tries to disgrace and defame those who so wholeheartedly have created in the interests of American culture. If this is the only humanitarian proposition Britain offers then we, Americans, ought to raise our voice.

As to the proposition to take N-me Roerich to Europe this is also a direct insult to America and a frank attempt to annihilate the American Research Institute here, because Prof. and M-me Roerich's home is not only their private home, but it is the Home of our American Institutions. The Scientific Research Institute is established, has already practically begun, and American capital is in it invested. It was M-me Roerich's great inspiring thought to build this American City of Knowledge in the unique place in the world where is possible to carry out all scientific designs - the Himalayas. Now all interests of the whole scientific world are focussed upon the possibilities of scientific research in the Himalayas.

In absence of Prof.Roerich and Dr.George Roerich (of Harvard University), in spite of her pitiful condition of health, M-me Roerich has inspired the work of the Institute, which was executed by a scientist, a Professor of Michigan University; the results of the work are remarkable in the botanical, zoological and biological fields, the finds of which will be shared with the American Universities and the other great Universities in the world.

In view of this situation which involves our American interests and so tragically affects our Founders - the B arers of Culture for America's greatness and fame, I appeal to you, dear Mr. Castle, that the voices of American Statesmen should outweigh this great injustice inflicted upon

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Prof. and M-me Roerich and that this martyrdom should come to an end.
Let America inscribe a beautiful page in the future history of culture,
having used all its influence in supporting and winning this "cause celebre" as it is called now in Europe. A beautiful gesture can never infringe
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Thanking you for all the interest you have given to our case,

I am, with kindest regards,,

Yours very sime erely

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10th November, 1930

My dear Mr. Cook,

Upon receipt of your letter of october 27th which arrived here this morning, I immediately sent a letter to the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for India with regard to the case of Professor Roerich, asking that it may be looked into as a matter of urgency. I will acquaint you as soon as I hear the result.

I am interested to note that you have severed your official connection with the Hon. James J. Davis. I had not realized that until I got your letter. I hope that you are very happy and flourishing in your new sphere and I have no doubt from my knowledge of you, that you are.

I was deeply distressed to hear some time ago that our mutual friend Edwin 5. Griffiths of Cleveland had passed away. I think he was one of the very nicest fellows I ever met from America; and I admired and respected him very much.

With cordial greetings.

Yours sincerely

A. J. Sylvester

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Dear Sylvester,

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant about Professor Nicholas Roerich, I enclose copy of a letter which the Secretary of State sent to Mr. Arhtur E. Cook on the 2nd of October. Since then Professor Roerich has gone to Pondicherry and is presumably in direct communication with the Government of India, who have agreed to his having a limited visa for entry into British India to enable him to visit his wife, provided that the Civil Burgeon at Kulu considers that Mrs. Roerich's health shows the necessity for her early return to Europe and for her husband to accompany her on the journey.

I return Mr. Arthur Cook's letter herewith.

Yours sincerely

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Knowing your humanitarian activity and your interest in the case of Roerichs visa I appeal to you in hour of great distress for help. Stop At Pondicherry Professor Roerich with his son George and a physician in great anxiety awaits the visa to enable him to join his dangerously ill wife in Naggar Stop Mrs Roerichs condition has been greatly aggravated for last months several severe heart attacks with complications on kidneys and vomiting spells and nervous strain absolutely necessitate Professor Roerichs coming. Stop Staying with Madame Roerich since Professor Roerichs departure feeling great responsibility I implore for help to obtain urgent visa Thanking you anticipation your answer

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I enclose herewith a copy of aletter I have just received from the India Office with regard to Professor Roerich about whom I wrote immediately upon receipt of your letter. If there is anything else that I can do and you will let me know, I shall be only too happy to do it.

With cordial greetings.

Yours sincerely,

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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS National Headquarters Washington, D. C.

November 25, 1930

Dear Mr. Cook:

In response to your letter of November 11th requesting intervention by the American Red Cross through the Indian Cross, in support of the desire of Professor Nicholas Roerich to visit his wife in the Kulu Valley, India, I am compelled to inform you that the Red Cross finds itself unable to comply.

In accordance with our usual practice, we have discussed this matter with the Department of State and have been informed by the Department that it has requested, on behalf of the Museum, that Professor Rocarich be permitted to visit Mrs. Roerich in the Kulu Valley. This intervention by the Department of State, without doubt, must have greater effect than could be anticipated even if permissible, as the result of a request from the American Red Cross through the India Red Cross, which, in turn, could only act in accordance with the authorization of its own government. It is our hope that the British Government may act favorably upon the request of the State Department at an early date.

Cordially

JOHN BARTON PAYNE

Chairman

Mr. Arthur E. Cook The Washington Building Washington, D. C.

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Лондонъ, 24 ноября.

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25 Nov. 930. 56 Forzhe Wood Abinger Common near Dorking Dear Madame Germanova, I have had a letter at last from Wedwood Benn, who writes that "the fovernment of India are, in fact, prepared to let Professor Roerich enter India for the hurfore of taking for Madame Roerich back to Europe, if the local medical authority couriders Madame Roerich's health shows the necessity for her early return to Europe and for her husband to accompany her on the journey. As the Professor is now in Pondicherry the fovernment of India will of course, deal with him direct." you will see that the local medical authority have still to give their consent, but I cannot help thinking that they will do so, a, I hope, have done to abready. It is not all I could have wished,

as we have failed to obtain for him a permanent and unconditional permission to enter India; still it is better than mothing, and the best that, for the present at any rate, can be hoped for. I have wired to Krerich "Benn writes permission pranted enter India fetch wife subject, medical ofinion! He has thanked me by wire, so he must have got my wire. I do not however feel oure that it was the steps that I took and Clifford Allen took, first through Baker and later through Attlee, that induced Benn to give way; but of course our in ternention may have helped in expediting matters. No doubt the foverment of India is now in communication with him, and I very much hope that all will so well, and that there may be no more delays. I have now finished translating the Medea, though I have still to copy out and revise the last



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from A. Cook

November 28, 1930

Mr. A. H. Pylvester 25 Old Queen Street Westminster Londo, S. W. i England

My dear Mr. Sylvester:

With further reference to our correspondence relating to Professor Roerich, request has been made that, in addition to the examination beingmade by the civil Surgeon at Kulu, an examination be permitted by an American, British, French, or Italian surgeon selected by Professor Roerich.

I would appreciate it if that courtesy could be extended.
Sincerely yours

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Pondicherry.

French India.

December Ist, 1930.

Your Excellency.

My present and past social position and personal acquaintance with Your Excellency prompt me to write this letter as an appeal to British traditional justice which everyone knows is always fair when preperly informed. I feel how my personal honour - this shield of knighthood - is being hurt by Many arrows of misrepresentation, and I am confident that goodwill is all what is needed to put an end to this tragic situation. My past history and the traditions of my family are known to thousands and exclude all possibility of doubt and distrust. My former position in the service of his Late Mejesty The Emperor of Hussia and my present Henerary Presidentship in several American and French Institutions induces me to protect their dignity and to clear up the misunderstanding which, unfortunately, leads to many undesirable consequences.

Letters and telegrams. I and my sen, Mr. Georges de Recrich, are making every possible erfort to re-enter British India. A Serious illness of my wife makes this trip urgent and inaveidable. Her health has been steadily declining since the grued detention imposed on us by the Tibetam Authorities in 1927. It is a miracle that we succeeded in brine Eing her down to India. Leaving for the United States it was my hope to make a speedy return. The last eight months of constant worry and anxiety have greatly aggravated her health, and the return of her family is the only remedy to restore her waning forces. I feel sure that at the base of the present tragic situation we shall find some misrepresentation or misunderstanding, and it is our duty to restore truth and thus help to comfort a sick woman.

from a misunderstanding.

When we first applied to the British Rabassy in Washington for return visas to India, we were told that it was a matter of simple routing. We were directed to apply for visas at the British Passport Centrol in New York which we did a few weeks afterwards. Some three weeks afterwards, the Chief of the British Passport Control informed us that he had received intimation from London that the Poreign Office desired to settle the matter personally with us. We then sailed for England, confident that the matter will be settled in London. We spent seven weeks negotiating in Lendon and were made to understand that the visas could not be granted for the present, though at the same tile many persons of different nationalities and social position, including scientific werkers, obtained visas without much delay. On several occasions during September last, we were informed by distinguished personalities, who intervened on our behalf, that our application is recenving favorable attention, and that the visas will be granted by the end of October. Meanwhile alarming news were received about the condition of my wife's health and we decided to sal for Pondicherrys shortening thus the trip, and ready to come to Kulu, as soon as the authorities would arrive to a faverable decision. Madame de Roerich was previously treated by the eminent French heart-specialist, Dr. Lapeyre, of Paris, and we felt that under the present circumstances of her health, his help ould be of vital importance. Unfortunately, being an aged man, he could not proceed to India and entrusted his treatment to an experienced physician, Dr. Lezina, M.D. Kember of the British Medical Association, and having the right to practice in the British Empire, icluding India. Dp.C. Legina is also attending to my health, shacken by worry and anxiety. We are eager to have a medical consultation of doctors on our arrival to Tulu and shall welcome the participationof a British doctor, if you find it ascessery to depute one. Every sick person has the unquestionable right te chose her private physician, and the present deplorable negotiations regarding the consultation seem to originate

I, therefore, appeal to Your Expallency to solve this impossible situation, for we remain up-to-date in the true uncortainty and until now to reasons were given for withholding the visas. Your Excellency will easily understand what enermous meral and financial loss we suffer and how irreparably is aggra wating the health of my wife under the constant nervous streets. the health of my wife under the constant nervous strain. It looks, as if we were considered dangerous persons, though the absurdity of such a thought is more than evident. My activity in the field of Culture passed under the eyes of the whele world and was widely acclaimed recently at the 40th anniversary or my work. I lay before you all the above facts in the hope that Your Excellency will favorably consider my case and remedy the present situation which is damaging to my good name and the dignity of the Institutions, in which I am President.

I applegize for taking your valuable time, but this really tragic case fully justifies my doing so. We are ready to come to Helhi and to discuss the matter, and I beg. Your Excellency, to rest assured of our goodfaith and good-

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I avail myself of the occasion to convey to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest considerations

Respectfully.

His Excellency The Right Henorable The ford Irwin of Kirby Underdale, Viceroy of India, New Delhi.

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NAGGAR Kulu Punjab Br.India

Dec.4th. 1930

Dear Mr. Horch.

We have received yesterday from Mr.Mundy the following cable:
"Do you agree joint medical conference your presence". We answered:
"Yours second just received. Fully agree medical consultation with our Doctor in our presence". We have received to-day the following from Mr.Mundy: "Everything apparently depends on tomerrows interview please send me silent strength. Resistance is breaking down under persistent effort from every angle. Am confident and optimistic". We cabled him: "Confident justice shall prevail. Continue efforts establish confidence and goodwill. Best Thoughts".

Everything shows that we have by all means to fight and to establish confidence and dignity. As an example, take such a small incident: our doctor met yesterday a benevelent old superior of local catholic mission, who asked him: "Are you still here?". The doctor answered that we still are expecting the visa and the old man very naively exclaimed: "are you their enemy?". The doctor of course reassured him. This naive exclamation of the reverend in summarizes the general impression from this unexplainable resistance of the British authorities to grant us visas, Certainly, only enemies and criminals are refused the entrance into the country. In which category of these two we are enlisted? Of course we are not criminals, because all our actions are lawful. Of course, we are not enemies, because nobody in the world can prove our hostility to the British Empire. So, a third solution must be: injustice to our name and to our Institution. For this reason in our second cable to Mr Mundy we underlined the necessity to establish real confidence.

Dec.11th, 1930

Inam continuing already from Naggar. We have been immensely joy-ful to see our dear ones and at the same time are exceedingly sorry to see how considerable is the decline in the health of Mme R. Really we had to come earlier, but as you and all our friends know, we and you all did the utmost.

I shall summarize, how happened our arrival. The day following the beginning of this letter, we received the following cable from Mr.Mundy: "Long conference white-hall cable busy sincerely recommend you accept offer consultation your doctor and theirs visa to be granted if verdict as we anticipate all other matters to be dealt with afterwards authorities at this end well inclined but suspicious because of Miss Lichtman's well meaning but tactless attitude await communication from Indian Government and avoid publicity Regards. Talbet the But at the same time from the British Consul in Pondieners are following letter:

Copy of Letter from British Consulate, Pendicherry. Dec. 5th, 1930.

Dear Professor de Roerich.

I write to tell you that I have this merning received a telegram from the Gevernment of India saying that I may grant to you, to your son Mr. Geroge de Roerich and to Doctor Lezina visas to enter British India provided you are each of you separately prepared to sign a written undertaking in the following terms: - " I (full name) hereby undertake that if I am required to do so by the Government of India I will leave British India within three months of the date on which I am granted a visa to enter British India". That must be dated and signed. Then, when I have the undertakings I can issue the visas. 2/ I am also instructed to inform you that arrangements will be made for the medical examination of Madame de Roerich as far as possible by a lady doctor but if that is not possible then by a fully qualified medical practioner. The arrangments will be made by the Government of the Punjab and communicated to you after your arrival at Kulu by the Subdivictional Officer at Kulu. 3/ The Consular fee for each visa will be Rs: 5/8/-.

I remain, Yours sincerely (signed) H.G. Tranchell

It is needless to add that the same afternoon we rushed to the Consulate completing the required fermalities and, doing our utmost, succeeded in leaving the same evenings. Because of the damaged road by a cyclone, we reached Madras by a round about way and then got a direct train Madras-Delhi-Amritsar and then in Pathankote we were met by Mr.Sh, who brought us the first news from Naggar.

I am sending to Mr. Mundy the following message: "Arrived Naggar, found Madame Reerich bad health.certain you will succeed establish confidence Stop Cordial thanks all friends " - Certainly a noble mission was entrusted to Mr. Mundy, to establish confidence. We hope he will finally succeed.

In order to reach this airmail I will not write more for the present but will underline, how much the abovementioned telegrams and formalities show the necessity of immediate action to establish real goodfaith and confidence from the side of the British Govt. We must say again that we are not enemies and that we welcome every cooperation and goodwill, but without trust - what kind of cooperation is possible? So please continue without any delay your blessed work of goodwill - without anything personal, we speak of the dignity of American Institution and I am sure that our British friends shall help us in this beneficial activity.

Please tell to all our friends who helped and sent their beautiful thoughts, our best greetings and gratitude.

To you all from us all best thoughts and love

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India Office Whitehall

10th December, 1930

Dear Sylvester

With reference to your letter of the 8th December to Monteath, about the case of the wife of Professor Micholas Moerich, I am desired to inform you that the Secretary of State heard officially a day or two ago that the Government of India have already authorized H. M. Consul at Pondicherry togrant visas to Professor Roerich and his son and his medical adviser, Dr. Lezinsky, on their giving undertakings that they would leave India withint three months, if required to do so. It should, therefore, be possible for the Professor To join Madama Roerich and for his doctor to attend her.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) M. J. Clauson

A. J. Sylvester Esq.

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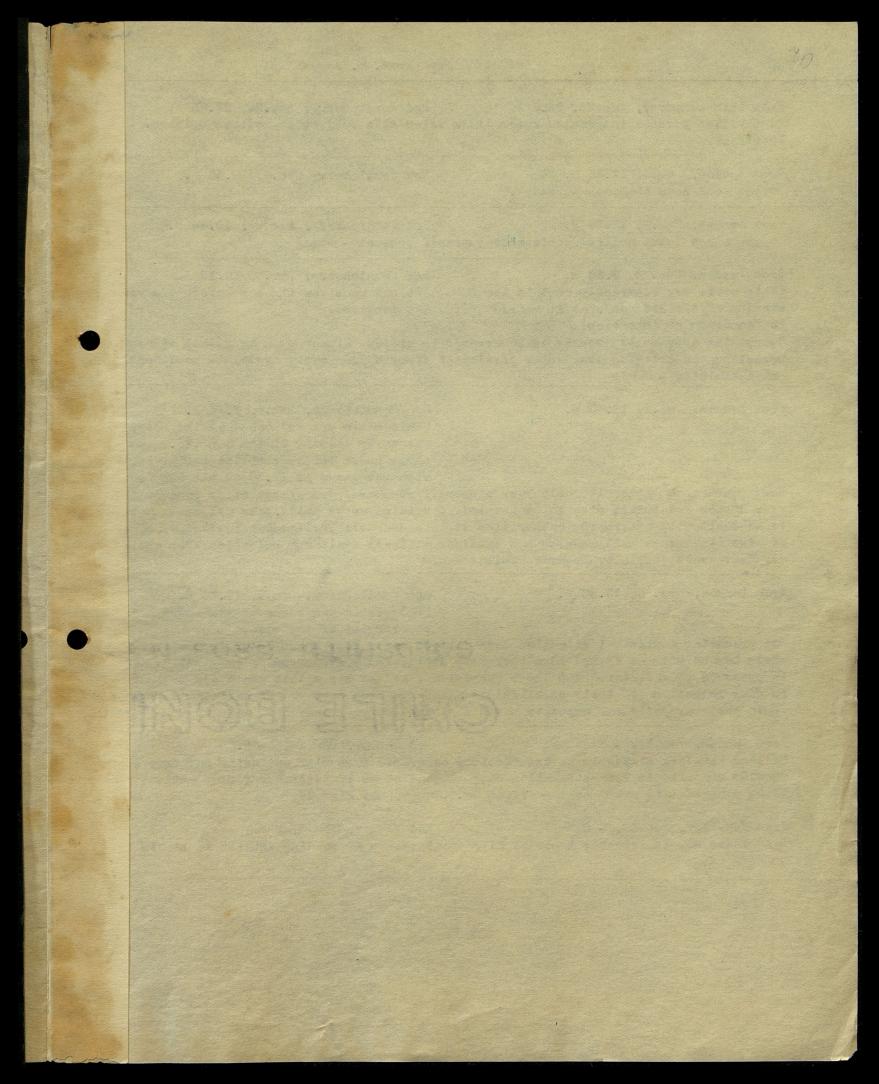
Mr. Horch spoke to Mr. Talbot Mundy on the phone to London. Talbot Mundy said:

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Naggar. He was (Mr. T.M.) four hours at Foreign Office. Mr. T.M. said also Miss
Lichtman's letter greatly upset British officials.

- Mr. Horch received a cable from Mr. Mundy, London: "Visas granted Stop Important to cement friendship. Can probably catch Oceanic sixteenth". Mr. Horch adds in his letter, "we felt it meant visas granted to Dr. Lozina. A little later received cable from Pondicherry: "Visas granted, leaving for Eulu. Continue establish confidence goodwill Boerich". (This cable was sent from Pondicherry on Dec. 5th, at 14.00 H. and could therefore under no circumstances reach New-York before the 5th Dec. This leads us to believe that the entries in the diary for the previous day and for this day should read Dec. 4th and 5th respectively, and not Dec. 3rd and 4th, as stated in the diary and as shown here in pencil).
- Dec. 8 Mr. Borch writes: Malcolm Vaughn cabled to London to an important man there to intervene for Prof. Boerich. Same day when visas were issues he received the following cable: "All channels closed".
- Mr. Norch writes he received a letter from Mr. Talbet Mundy stating one of the problems was the great interest manifested by the State Department. This interest made the British Ambessador in Washington cable to London that perhaps there is something peculiar behind Prof. Receich's trip. It was admitted also bt the British Govt. that they have nothing against Prof. Receich.

 Mr. S. Gaselee, London, helped Mr. Mundy a lot.



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From Abingerhammer, Nov: 24, 13.5 H. Red Pondicherry, Nov. 24, 20.55 H. Benn writes permission granted enter India fetch wife subject to medical opinion. - Trevilyan.

From London, Dec:1, 17.15 H.
Expect good news tomorrow - Mundy .

Red Pondicherry Dec.4, 22.45 H.

From London, Dec.2, 12.25 H. Red Pondicherry, Dec. , 12.44 H. Do you agree joint medical conference yourself present - Mundy

From London, Dec. 4, 0.50 H. (This cable was apparently sent in the evening of the 3rd Dec., as it refers to "tomorrow's" interview).

Res Pondicherry, Dec.4, 10.12 H.
(It was received the day before the vise was received)

Everything appraently depends on tomorrow's interview. Please send me silent strength resistance is breaking down under persistent efforts from every angle. Am confident and optimistic - Mundy

From London, Dec.4, 15.40 H.

Red Pendicherry, Dec.5, S.24 H.

(This cable was delivered at the Hotel in the early morning of the 5th Dec., about three hours before the visa was given. The visa was given at 11.30 on the 5th Dec.)

Long conference Whitehall cable busy sincerely recommend you accept offer consultation your doctor and theirs visa to be granted if verdict as we anticipate all other matters to be dealt with afterwards authorities at this end well inclined but suspicious because of Miss Lichtmanns well meaning but tactless attitude await communication from Indian Government avoid publicity Regards Talbot Mundy

From London, Dec. 5, 10.30 H.

Red Pondicherry, Sec.5. 19.16 H. (This cable was received six hours AFTER the receipt of the visa)

Not presuming advise but situation here follows after four hours interviews with officials beyond whom no appeal here they have cabled India recommending examination Madame in presence your doctor. Stop Their suspicion baseless but exists and would be aggravated by your rejection of their expedient to admit you Stop have you an official friend in India whose sympathy may expedite matters please reply - Sundy

From London, Dec.13, - H. Red Naggar, Dec.14, - H. Sailing New-York sixteenth having received assurance from High authority our case shall receive sympathetic reconsideration Stop Depend on me if necessary resume activity after consultation with Louis - (from Mr.T.Mundy, not signed).

From New-York, Rec. 30. - H. Red Naggar, Jan 2. 9 H. Land issue now in friendly hands of high commissioner am sending details to him in London-Mundy.

C O P Y

25, Old Queen Street, Westminster London, D. W. 1

Telephone: Victoria 7666

AJS/ FES.

11th December, 1930

MY DEAR MR. COOK,

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received this morning from the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for India, in reply to one I wrote to him the other day concerning Professor Micholas Roerich. I hope that this reply will give satisfaction to you and the Professor.

If there is anything more than I can do kindly let me know.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely Signed A. J. Sylvester

Arthur E. Cook Es . The Washington Building, WASHINGTON? D. C.

Ref: Public & Judicial Dept. P. & J. 6942/30 11th December, 1930 R. Peel Esc. The India Office, Whitehall, S. W. 1. My dear Mr. Peel This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter in which you sent me the welcome information that visas have been granted to Professor Roerich, his son, and his physician to re-enter India and proceed to Naggar Kulu. This appears to be a favourable opportunity to repeat to you for your information and file certain information which I had the privilege of giving to you the other day but which I think you had at that time no opportunity to set down on paper.

The Society of Friends of the Roerich Museum. which is the organization sponsoring Professor Roerich's work, is timanced entirely by American capital, but is in no way connected with any political organization and has no political sins. Its sponsors and contributors are all Americans, but its affiliations are world-wide. There has not been a time since the organization of the Society when the British Imbassy in Washington could not inspect the books of the organization. Furthermore, the individuals who have contributed the large sums of money that have made the activities of the organization possible are themselves willing to submit their own books for inspection; our purpose being to disarm criticism in advance by proving that we are in no way connected with any political organization and that our purpose

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and that our purpose is solely that which we have made public. We regret that the British Embassy has not availed itself of this standing offer, especially in view of the fact that suspicions concerning Professor Regrich and our organization of which he is President-Founder seem to have been entertained as a result of lack of information and a misinformation.

The sole purpose of the Society of Friends of the Hoerich Museum is to co-operate with those organizations all over the world whose aim may be to elevate the moral standards of the world by encouraging people to think in terms of the arts and sciences. The reason why we support and trust Professor Nicholas Roerich is that we believe him to be wholehearted and unwavering in the purposes which we espouse, and because we know him to be a teacher of proven and unusual merit.

A certain amount of the suspicion which unfortunately seems to have surrounded Professor Rosrich of recent months is very likely due to the fact that he cannot say about himself things which other people know about him. Whatever the pressure and the circumstances may be, there are limits beyond which a gentleman may not decently explain himself, or protest in his own behalf. We have always thought it sufficient that most of the civilised governments of the world and thousands of civilised people have considered Professor Rosrich a man who can be implicitly trusted and whose spoken word is utterly above suspicion. We consider him to have been unjustly humiliated, but we willingly concede

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that the British Indian Government has acted in good faith, although misinformed; and it is obvious that an embarrassed government must act on such information as may appear at any given moment to be trustworthy. We believe that once the true state of affairs is understood it will be realised that Professor Roerich is a man in whom confidence may be placed, and that a mistake has been made, the remedy for which will be immediately obvious to a Government such as yours, that values good faith and integrity.

It must now be evident that our hitherto mistrusted statements, as to Madame Roerich's health, were from the beginning wholly accurate. The rather heroic efforts of Miss Lichtmann to protect Madame Roerich may have contributed to the suspicion that there was something going on at Kulu of an unsatisfactory nature; but Miss wichtmann's position was one of extreme trust and very great difficulty. We believe that her faithfulness in no way harms Professor Roerich's reputation now that the truth is known, but rather confirms our opinion of him: that he is a man so incapable of faithlessness that those who serve him now and then are led to possibly unwise extremes of devotion to their task. Surely no one in his senses will accuse Miss wichtmann of anything worse than fidelity to a loved and honored friend whose life she knew to be in danger.

At no time has the pociety of Friends of the Roerich Museum had any secrets or anything whatever to conceal; this applies also to Professor Roerich. Neither he nor any member of the organization has at any time used a secret code either for the purposes of mail or cablegram. We are devoted to the cause of education, art and science, on a basis of good will to all people and deliberate non-interference with any political parties or activities, and no communications

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have taken place between any of us, et any time, which are not open to inspection.

The point arose more than once in the course of conversation that Professor Roerich and his party had given a great deal of trouble to the Anglo-Indian Government in connection with two alleged riots. The det ils of these alleged riots were, of course, well known to the Anglo-Indian Government and we respectfully submit that not only were they not of a serious nature but that the Anglo-Indian Government might not have even heard of them if Professor Roerich had not been so careful to keep his promise to inform the Government at all times of what was happening. We further submit that for a man to have accomplished so much as Professor Moerich has done in leading an expedition into the very heart I Asia without more disturbance to the peace than his expedition caused is by itself such a remarkable feat that he is worthy of confidence on that ground alone if no other.

In the matter of the land at Kulu which Professor Roerich purchased we have these observations to make:

Before purchasing the land - in fact even be fore definitely deciding that such would be a wise course - Professor wherich consulted the Viceroy, Lord Irwin, and fully and frankly unfolded to him his plans and purposes. Lord Irwin was as hospitable and as courteous as his reputation leads one to expect he would be, and it was Professor Roerich's understanding, as ours also, that Lord Irwin fully approved of his purpose. Lord Irwin referred Professor Wherich to other Anglo-Indian officials to whom Professor Roerich was e-ually frank. It was one of them who advised him ver ally to buy Government rather than private land be-

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cause the former would be less expensive and easier to ac wire. He was advised that he could not acquire Government land in the name of an institution but that he himself could take title to it, whereafter he might place the land so acquired at the disposal of the institution for its legitimate purposes. Professor hoerich understood, and we also understood, in t this was a requirement of the Anglo-Indian law. Professor Koerich thereafter made negotlations for land which he considered suitable for the purposes of the institution and, being careful to keep the Indian Government fully and frankly informed of what he was doing, he paid a deposit and applied for to the land. Several months elapsed before he was informed in writing that the Angle-Indian Government could not allow the sale to be legalised, on the ground that the Home Office objected to the transfer of title.

It has been suggested that Professor Roerich. attempted to ac uire title to this land in a deliberate effort to deceive the Anglo-Indian Covernment. We respectfully submit that neither he nor we are such fools as to suppose that we could, even if we wished, run counter to the laws of India or the wishes of the anglo-Indian Government. We have invested up to this time rather more than \$175,000. in this wholly altruistic enterprise and we relieve that no one will seriously suggest that we did so without believing that we were acting reasonably and within the law. It is not an enormous sum of money, but it is only a fragment of what we are planning and are prepared to spend on scientific implements and so on. Surely in this commercial age, and in view of the demonstrable fact that the contributors of our resources are men of commercial and financial standing, it is not wite reasonable to suspect us of anything so obviously absurd as a

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deliberate attempt to acquire land unknown to and contrary to the expressed or implied wishes of a Government so alert and resourceful as yours. We invite you to view our case a little more tolerantly, from that angle, and for that reason.

We do not know the Anglo-Indian law, and it is not our business, as it is very far indeed from our wish in any way to interfere with or to obstruct its workings. There could not be anything further from our intention or will than to embarrass the Indian Government or any other government; and we believe that the Anglo-Indian authorities will recognise this fact when they have more fully examined our side of this - to us - difficult problem. It is difficult for us because of our intention to embarrass nobody if we can possibly help it.

Of course, it makes no difference to us whatever whether or not we or Professor Roerich should
own this land provided only that we may have it as a
base for our wholly scientific, cultural and educational operations. Our hope is to make Kulu a
cultural centre where students of antiquity, art,
and of many sciences may mutually co-operate for the
whole world's benefit. From the beginning we have
made a standing offer to co-operate with any organised scientists whatever their nationality, and it
would be very agreeable to us if the Indian Government would nominate a scientist of its own choosing
to reside at Kulu and take part in our operations.
It would also be agreeable to us if Indian art students might be encouraged to take advant ge of Professor foerich's unusual skill in teaching.

The suggestion was raised in the course of conversation th t Professor Roerich is not a scientist. In the sense that he is not a chemist or a mechanic this suggestion is not entirely untrue. He is, however

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an archaeologist second to none in that field; and his record as a painter of more than 1,000 canvases of the Mimalayas, of outstanding merit, places him in a rank by himself so far as painting is concerned. We believe that the world contains no greater teacher of painting than he is and none who possesses more than he the gift of inspiring genius in others.

There must be some way of solving the problem of the land at Kulu. Negotiations conducted in good faith on the one hand always can be met by generosity on the other. Our unqualified willingness to comply with any legitimate legal requirements and our determination not to contribute in any way whatever to the world's difficulties if that can possibly be helped should surely serve as a line of least resistance along which a solution can be found. Professor "oerich's action in attempting to accuire land having been based solely on his faith in the uprightness of those to whom he frankly revealed his intentions, we now appeal to that same uprightness and invite you to reconsider our case from the beginning. We make no demands on you other than what can be justly and reasonably conceded, and we do not stipulate what the solution shall be or what form it shall take, it being our opinion that the Anglo-Indian Government possesses legal talent that can ably and with credit to itself and all concerned decide such riddles.

It seems to us not improbable that the issue has been clouded from the first in part by the enthusiastic backing of Professor hoerich by wite a number of governments. This may have led to the suspicion that our organization is in some way linked up with the aims, political or otherwise, or governments of foreign countries who have nothing whatever to do with India and no excuse for interference in its

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affairs. The truth is that Professor Roerich's eminence in the world of art and archeology has caused him to be very highly thought of in a great number of countries with whose political affairs he has nothing whatever to do. We respectfully point out the illogic of suspecting or condemning an individual merely because his qualifications are such that men and women of many lands respect him.

Se believe justice requires that something should be done and done soon to resolve this present difficulty and to enable us to proceed with a work which must be valuable both to india and the world - a work which we propose to carry on wholly without expense to India and absolutely free from all political entanglements.

We assure you that at all times and in all ways all of our activities shall be fully and frankly open to inspection by the Anglo-India authorities who are invited, if they chose to do so, to appoint a resident inspector although we would prefer a resident co-operator.

Thanking you sincerely for your courtesy in giving as such a long verbal hearing the other day and hoping to receive an answer from you addressed to me in New York.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Vice President. Talbot Mundy INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

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310 Riverside Drive New York, New York December 31, 1930 Dear Mr. Green Under separate cover as promised I am sending you full particulars about the case of Professor Roerich; also by the same mail a set of books for the India House Library. Of one of the latter, we are rather proud. I also believe you will find Professor Recrich's book, "Altei-Himslaya" extremely interesting. We all sincerely hope you will begin now to do something from your end about the Indian musicians as we are busy with the idea in New York, have already committed ourselves to a series of concerts in New York, and are busy with the preliminary negotiations for a tour of the United States. We will, of course, keep you posted of our progress in the matter and hope you will do the same. We also sincerely hope that you will lose no time in making the tactful representations in the proper quarter in India, that we believe are all we need. The writer is ready to come to London at any time if you should think that necessary, either for the furtherance of this concert idea, or in connection with the case of Professor Roerich. With kindest regards and wishing you a very prosperous New Year. I remain Sincerely yours, Alan M. Green Esq, I. C. S. India House Aldmych London W. C. 2

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WHITEHALL. S.W. 1.

19 January, 1931

P. & J. 282/31

Dear Mr. Mundy,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th December. Professor Roerich has now been admitted into India, and I do not therefore wish to pursue this aspect of the question except to say that you hardly do justice to the Government of India when you speak of your "hitherto mistrusted statements" as to the state of Madame Roerich's All that the Government of India asked to be allowed to do was to verify these statements for themselves, and the opportunity to do this was persistently refused. As regards the question of the purchase of the land at Kulu, I would suggest that as Professor Roerich is now in India his best course would be to address the Government of India direct if he wishes to make any further enquiries or representations on the subject.

> Yours faithfully, Sgd. R. Peel

Mr. Talbot Mundy, 310, Riverside Drive, NEW YORK.



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To ... His Excellency the Viceroy of India.

I am permitting myself a great liberty in forwarding you the enclosed letter. I can but hope that the aim I have in mind will justify my action in your eyes.

To those who, like myself, know Professor Roerich and his family, his past, his present and his aims thoroughly, the refusal or renew his passport for India seems painfully unjust. So much so indeed that I am venturing to send you this letter which I have just received from one of the founders (financially) of the Roerich Institute in New-York, who is staying with Madame Roerich during the absence of Professor Roerich.

The last page of the letter is particularly pathetic.
The letter is in answer to one of mine in which I had tried to excuse the action of our Government in London on the plea of the esent situation in India and the role which the Russian Soviet e playing therein; In such times the innocent suffer for the lity.

Is it not possible for your Excellency to exercise your judgment and will in this matter? that is: that your considered of nion based upon information not usually possessed might outweigh badly or insufficiently informed opinion at Home?

I have known the Roerich family for years intimately. Then they were in Darjeeling (June to Demcember, 1928) we were in and jut of each others' homes daily. I saw them under every aspect of ceaseless labout, of a beautiful home-life, of an idealism which never fell from its lofty pedestal.

I am positive they are far from sympathising with any subversive agency whether of the Soviet or of the Indian National Congress. All their thought, day and night, is turned towards the Spir tual planes. Mrs Roerich herself is a marvellously gifted Soul, and in constant communication with the Heights. I hate to reveal this, want your Excellency to know something of the inner life of amily which you could only know from intimates of the family.erich is in such close living contact with Christ and "His dons", that it is like a perpetual spiritual bath to be near he has been the inspiration of her husband from the day he met her and the inspiring friend of her two splendid sons; she is the force behind the Roerich Museum. I have witnessed her powers and have had the privelege of benefiting from the her great knowledge and perpetual striving after the highest rungs of the ladder of Truth. Those who have had that privilege have given their all towards the materialization of her dreams for the uplift of humanity ... along educational, artistic and cultural lines.

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It is not lively that the real Power behind the Roerich activities, and which I have just touched upon, will ever be made public. When I try try the impossible: eliminating from my consciousness the intimate knowledge and proof I possess of Madame Roerich's greatness, I can vaguely realize that appearances may be against Professor Roerich. How many are there who live according to the dictates of the Highest?...That is my excuse for laying before you something of the inner life of the Roerich Family.

Miss Lichtmann, the writer of the enclosed letter, is a wealthy naturalised American (German), who has given her all to the Roerich activities in New-York. She is staying with Madame Roerich during her husband's absence...

In case there may be doubt about my own witnessing, I will say that I am the Mother of Captain George Finch, D.S.O. and Professor of Chemistry in the University of London (Techn.Dept.) He was a member of the Everest Expedition in 1922 and is again actively preparing for another such Expedition. He is a Member of the Royal Geographical Association.

I beg your Excellency to forgive me for thus encroaching on your most valuable time.

I am, Exceller

Excellency, Yours faithfully

Pendichery, 5, Nevembre, 1930

Monsieur N. Reerich de New York est un artiste

Monsieur N.Roerich de New York est un artiste catholique et non seulement un ami de la beaute, mais aussi du bien et de la verite.

Je suis certain que les missionnaires catholiques se feront un plaisir de lui donner les renseignements qui pourraient lui etre utiles dans sa noble tache.

A.S.Celas archeveque de Pendichery



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Professor Nicholas Recrich, Hen. President of the Recrich Museum, In of New York, United States of America, and Vice-President of the Archaeological Society of America, and his son, Mr. George N. Recrich, are desirous of returning to British India for the purpose of continuing certain exploratory work of a purely scientific and artistic character which was begun there in 1923 and carried on from time to time since.

Professor Recrick and his family have been residing in British India the greater part of the time since 1923 and Mrs Recrick is still there. He and his American and other scientific associates have occasionally returned to the United States and have visited various countries in Central Asia and Europe in the interest of their research work.

In the year 1928 Professor Rocrich founded the Himalayan Research Institute in the Kulu Valley of the Kangra District, Punjab, and the present planned journey to India will take him to the headquarters of the Institute and the Kulus Rockies.

The programme and object of the intend journey is threefold:

First, the purpose of completing a series of paintings illustrating landscapes of the Himalayas as well as ancient legends of the locality. The series of paintings at present contemplated will be made pursuant to an order already received from America.

Secondly, in addition to this artistic work with its scientific background, Professor Recrich also proposes to supervise archaeological excavations and explorations in the Kulu Sub-division (which will be conducted by his son Mr. George Recrich.

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The third object of the present journey will be a scientific surney of the local flora and fauna as well as paleentological research which will be conducted by an American scientist.

The pregramme at present will be confined entirely to the Kangra District, Punjab, and particularly to the Kulu Sub-division, and according to present plans will be carried on for a period of one year, i.ö., to the spring of 1931. The members of the expedition propose to confine their work to the above district and act entirely in accordance with all rules and regulations of the British authorities and they are ready to give such undertaking as may be required by any British authority. The superintendant in charge of transport and supplies of the Himalayan Research Institute is Major Hugh Banon of the Indian Army and a local planter.

Professor Recrich has received extensive and interested support in America, France and other countries, particularly from the Recrich Museum, a corporation organized under the Education Law of New York State, and the charter was granted by the Regents of the University of the State of New York. The Recrich Museum is the owner of its own home, a twenty-nine storey building in New York City.

Professor Recrich and his sen have an additional reason of a private character for their anxiety to be permitted to enter India. As above stated, Professor Recrich's wife, Mrs Recrich, is still in the Kulu Valley and owing to the state of her health, a weak heart and hightened blood pressure, Professor Recrich and his sen are extremely concerned and anxious to join her as seen as possible. Her condition, also makes it impossible for her to travel and particularly to leave the altitude of the Kulu mountains, so that she is unable to join them.