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NAGGAR, Kulu, Punjab  
May 28, 1930

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. W. 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 Mrs Roerich'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 anticipation of your reply, we remain,  
Respectfully yours

Vice-President, ROERICH MUSEUM, N.Y.

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

Mrs Nettie Horch,  
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