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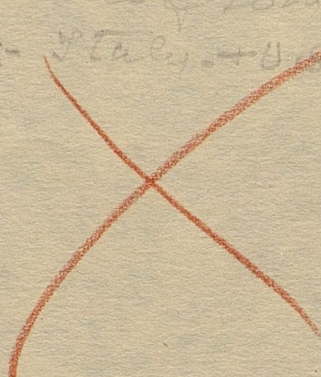
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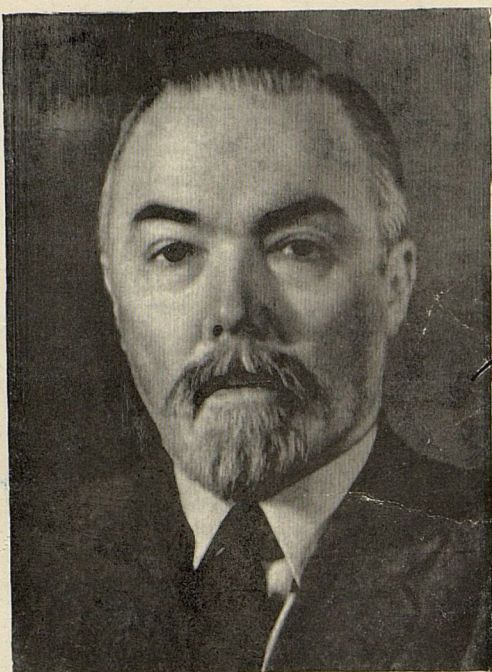
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ния выдающегося советского востоковеда,
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*Мы будем рады, если Вы найдете воз-
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Dear: _____

I am herewith enclosing a note on the birth anniversary of Dr. George Roerich to be celebrated in Moscow on October 15 & 16, 1962.

This is a modified version of the my previous note, with the significant of a message from Prime Minister Nehru. I would make a ~~special request~~ that the message form

[I would request you to use the attached note in your paper/agency as fully as possible. more particularly, I would request that the message from the Prime Minister, President, Dr. Koiri ~~and~~ Dr. Shrimati may be used in extenso.

Regards etc.

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