

MESSAGE FROM MADAM EKATERINA ALEKSEIEVNA FURTZEVA  
MINISTER OF CULTURE, U.S.S.R.

to

SVETOSLAV ROERICH  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY ON 23RD OCTOBER 1974.

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Dear Svetoslav Nikolayevich,

From my whole heart I congratulate you with your Seventieth Birthday. We very highly value your achievements in safeguarding for the good of world culture - the heritage of your Father, the great Russian artist, writer and scientist - Nicholas Konstantinovich Roerich whose Centenary is being celebrated this year.

Through your Art and your creative work you have made a great contribution to the development of representative Art and the strengthening of relations between nations.

Your Art is widely known and highly appreciated in our country. It is near and understandable to the Soviet people being directed to the heart of the Common Man and affirms the theme of beauty, humanism and peace between nations, because in its origins it stems from your Motherland - Russia. You draw your inspiration from the depths of Wisdom of the great people of Russia and India.

Only a man of great spiritual purity, power and talent can so profoundly sense, understand and recreate in his canvases the moving poetical images, beauty and grandeur of nature.

I wish you dear Svetoslav Nikolayevich, good health, long life, great happiness, inspiration and new successes in your noble work.

Till we meet soon in Moscow.

Sd/-.....  
(E. FURTZEVA)

Minister of Culture of U.S.S.R.



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The President of the Academy of Fine Arts, U.S.S.R.  
The Vice-President of the Academy of Fine Arts, U.S.S.R.  
and all the Members of the Academy.

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Dear Svetoslav Nikolayevich,

The Presidium and all the Members of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Art very warmly congratulate you on your glorious 70th Birthday.

Organically you combine the talent of an outstanding contemporary artist, writer and public worker, and successor to the lofty humanist traditions of the Roerich family, which has made a great contribution to the treasure house of culture and art, in the fight for Peace and the protection of monuments of world culture, and in the great task of bringing closer and strengthening the friendship between nations and first of all between the people of India and of the Soviet Union.

Your 70th Birthday Jubilee has coincided with the Centenary of your Father - Nicholas Roerich - one of the pillars of Russian Art. The Centenary of your great Father is widely celebrated in his Motherland. Scientific meetings, large retrospective Exhibitions are being held in the U.S.S.R. His Exhibition which has now opened in Leningrad will be later shown in Moscow, Kiev and Minsk.

In your paintings, sketches and decorative work we see the continuation of the high artistic tradition of your Father, but together with this we recognise you as an original, distinctive painter, who devotes his creative work to realism, the truth of life and the service to the high and noble ideas of humanism, peace and progress.

Your paintings devoted to the beautiful nature of India and the life of India's people, poetically and loftily unfold the beauty of the Indian landscape and the wealth of the spiritual world of its toiling people.

With great impatience and with deep satisfaction we are looking forward to your and your wife's arrival in the U.S.S.R. and look forward to the inauguration of the Exhibition of your paintings in the Halls of the best Soviet Museum - the State Tretyakov Gallery.

We wish you and your wife Smt. Devika Rani - the famous Indian actress, great happiness and every success in your creative work and fruitful activity.

Signatures of Fellows and Members of the Academy.

President of the Academy of Fine Arts, U.S.S.R.

- Mr. M. Tomskey.

Vice-President of the Academy of Fine Arts, U.S.S.R.

- Mr. V. Kemenov.

and all the Members of the Academy.