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Major J.G. Phelps Stokes,
100 William Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Major Stokes,

It behooves those of us aware of recent developments in the Roerich ~~Institute~~, more especially of the attempt to repudiate the relation of Professor Roerich to the institution he founded fostered, gave his name to, and to oust the group of his associates and co-founders, that we protest in such manner as may be most effective against this invasion.

I take it that the Museum and its collection of the works of one of the world's great artists, is a national asset and should be assured the city. Also that the ~~Institute~~ ^{Museum} centralized an influence and interest of high cultural value which should be preserved and that we are convinced of the good faith and sincerity of those of Professor Roerich's collaborators who adhere to his leadership.

Since the issue has already been taken to the Courts we may be unable to do more now than render moral support to the defense but it is possible that if we met and discussed these affairs some further means of aid may be elicited which would help this cause.

I suggest that the persons to whom this letter is addressed meet at the home of Mrs. H.G. Campbell, 34 Ramercy Park on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 5 P.M. to exchange views in regard to these matters and take any action that commends itself in their connection.

(Signed) John O'Hara Cosgrave