

Manali
Kulu
Punjab
8th May 1936.

Dear Friends,

I thank you very much for your letter of March 24th. I had of course, heard of the trouble that is going on in connection with the Roerich Museum, but I was very glad to have your written account of it, which explains everything so lucidly.

My wife and I are intensely sorry that this most unfortunate situation should have arisen. We cannot understand the attitude that Mr. and Mrs. Horch and Miss Lichtmann have adopted. As Miss. Lichtmann has herself repeatedly remarked to me "It is such an honour to be associated with the noble and humanitarian work in which Prof. and Mme. Roerich are engaged." We are well aware that it has been the inspiration and guidance of Prof. and Mme. Roerich that has made the Roerich Museum famous as a cultural institution, and that without Prof. Roerich's name and fame very little could have been accomplished.

It is indeed very terrible that Mr. and Mrs. Horch and Miss Lichtmann, who owe so much to Prof. and Mme. Roerich - more than they can ever repay - should now be endeavouring to ruin all the good that has been done and to destroy years of patient labour. We can only conclude that they have become mentally affected. This would seem to be the only explanation of their conduct, but unfortunately it does not help to improve the situation they have created.

I fully appreciate all the Museum owes to Prof. Roerich's great name. It at once gives it an international reputation and has made it known throughout the world. If these insignificant people imagine that they can become famous in the field of culture, where they are absolutely unknown, they are sadly mistaken. Shorn of the Name of Roerich the Museum will mean nothing.

The underhand way in which Mr. Horch and Miss Lichtmann have been intriguing to get everything into their own hands is not a good advertizement for their nobility of character, rather it stamps them as being mean and unscrupulous.

I am indeed glad to hear that you intend to fight this case, and I can assure you that in this you have the full sympathy of my wife and myself, we are most heartily on your side. I will, naturally make known the true facts of the situation as much as I can.

My wife and I wish you all success in your fight on behalf of such a good cause, and we are very glad to hear that your cultural work is continuing with unabated zeal.

With heartiest greetings and assuring you of our personal devotion to Prof. and Mme. Roerich and the ideals for which they stand.

Yours very sincerely,

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