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Dear Prof. Roerich,

After many nights of reading Hierarchy before I go to sleep and many days of ceaseless battle against determined opposition I begin to realize the meaning of tension. The battle against the poisonous ones burrowing their slimy way has made me very tired and at times almost despondent but nearly every morning comes the renewal of strength. And thus I begin to realize in some small part your trials and tribulations.

My faith grows as I see one problem after another solved on the brink of disaster. And so I stretch to uttermost that inward perception which is always there even in the midst of seeming disaster. Thus I discover the strength which trouble can give. But I crave more - I ask for joy, and light and beauty, things which a spirit too continuously taut may fail to appreciate. I find now that I sink into music like a child into its mother's arms, - not exactly appreciation but surely rest. And the fresh air of the morning out-of-doors is like a great luxury.

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Some great tiger plan is brewing but I have not yet found the outline yet.

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We run along the razor edge striving to maintain our balance by the speed of motion. The man at the center has a lovely spriti but also a certain attitude of "all things to all men" which at times is disconcerting. Everyone is inspired to think his own ideas will be carried out. But there are many ideas and I fear many future conflicts. Ingenious temporary solutions, but statesmanship is yet to appear. I have been striving to lay down certain broad principles on which a later foundation can be built.

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I hear from the "steadfast one" (FRG) about Mme Roerich whom I have never met and whose books I have never read. I can think of her as alert, vivid, Intelligence combined with High Order of Intuition. I think of the time when I can truthfully say "I have done my outward duty for this westward country - now I can go to the heights of the East".

In the meantime I must seek Agni Yoga in simple action guided by intuition.

The reward is the privilege of saying with a rising of the heart "Lord, I love Thee".

HAV

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July 2, 1933.

Dear Madame and Professor R.

In this time of great testing comes FRG with the message that FDR is to be given his opportunity even as Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette were given theirs. Furthermore the word is that FDR is better prepared to receive the message than were some of the men of the past who had opportunities of this sort. I shall do all possible with all caution.

The Banner of Peace

The Messenger (bearing advices from the Great Ones)

I am requesting advice from Them as to how to proceed most judiciously, rapidly and effectively in strengthening the implicit desire in the heart of R.

I shall speak of the great possibilities of friendship with the new nations (Perhaps you can tell me more definitely of this so I may visualize this thing in a practical way).

I shall speak of the need for the Banner of Peace to strengthen the heart of the world at the moment the Economic conference has proved so disappointing.

I shall speak of the qualifications of the Messenger who comes from a distant land as is usually the case. And I shall speak of the signs of the times and of the need of the great Banner being recognized by the best in the different nations. We are hoping to see you in America this winter so that it may be possible to talk over these great visions more definitely.

Respectfully yours,

HAW

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October 29, 1933

Dear Prof. Roerich,

In these days of fiery trouble we also find opportunity for doing many things. The Indication of M. and your letters, brought through FRG have governed under the most difficult circumstances. Surrounding the One toward whom my efforts have been addressed are many loyal to his personality but false to his ideals. This extraordinary sliminess makes even simple problems difficult at times. The One has a lovely, upward-surgings, with a certain appreciation of what he calls "hunches". Combined with this is a charming open mindedness which makes him the prey at times of designing people - for example the tigers. This past week I have talked on this matter both to him and the Sour One in the most emphatic terms.

The true pleasure in times like these is to turn occasionally to the consideration of the search as conducted by such as Appolonius, Origen or Akbar. This steadfast search, this throwing of the light ahead, this preparation for World Cultural Unity will make it possible for the human spirit to explore and appreciate the most undreamed of beauty. It is the opportunity for such appreciation by the deserving ones of the multitude that we are striving to purchase with our efforts.

We hope to see you not only in this country but also against the background of the snowy peaks. Work to do and Bliss to contemplate.

MR HAW

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The Secretary of Agriculture.  
Washington

January 1, 1934

Hon. Nicholas de Roerich  
President Roerich Museum  
Naggar, Kulu, India.

Dear Prof. Roerich,

Never have I been as much honored in receiving an insignia as in receiving the sign of the Roerich Museum with the accompanying document signed by yourself. There can be no greater pleasure than in furthering the cause of World Peace by calling attention in the most living way possible to those things which make for International Cultural Unity. With intransigent nationalism running high it is difficult at times to emphasize the common bond. It is for this reason among others that I have been happy to do what I could to further the cause of the Banner of Peace. May it be recognized in the West, East, North and South as a symbol of the infinite potentialities of a peaceful loving humanity.

Assuring you of my great interest in your humanitarian efforts  
I am respectfully yours  
Henry A. Wallace.

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Dear Prof. R:

With three of those closest to you in the New World I sat the evening of December 30 and thought of the profound significance of the many events of the last half of 1934. My chief grasps much of this significance. It seems that his heart is good but that there are curious cross currents which hold his hand at unexpected moments. The Convention from many points of view was a great success. Last minute interferences perhaps of an accidental nature kept it from being a maximum success.

Yes we speculated long and thoughtfully on the turn which events must now take. We are thankful to be living at this time in this relationship. We await your coming.

Yours

HAW

The Insignia has a pleasant symbolism - The Cross of the Horizontal and Perpendicular Powers.

The letters H

The three spheres \* \*

The four crowns with 3 lines each

The total of the letters, the spheres,  
the lines - 17

May the Flame of your presence light up the significance of the real and true future.

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Dear Professor Roerich,

I am writing to express my profound appreciation of the Tanka dealing with the Wheel of Life. Here we have set forth the continual warfare between the upward and downward moving forces as they move between the heaven world, ~~and downward~~, the midworld, and the under world under the beneficent contemplation of the Boundless, Enlightened One. The earnestness of concept and the skilled use of color on the part of such a primitive people is exceedingly interesting.

I think you and George moving under the stimulus of forces which have become more than ever magnetic. Our hearts continually go out to you. May the Joy of the Banner of Peace overshadow the world in the days ahead.

Sincerely yours,

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WASHINGTON

October 17, 1934.

Professor Nicholas Roerich  
Tschurin & Company  
Torgovaya Harbin Pristan  
Manchuti-Ko

Dear Professor Roerich:

A week ago on a lovely October day in the middlewest I thought of the sixty years which you had devoted so successfully to advancing the cultural interests of all mankind. And I thought then as I think today of the deep significance of the symbol of the Banner of Peace.

As you know, I have been designated Plenipotentiary by the President to sign next April 14 on behalf of the United States the pact indicating our adherence to your original concept with its symbol consisting of three spheres enclosed by a circle.

Doubtless you have received by this time a copy of my recent book, "New Frontiers", on the title page of which you will find a representation of the Pact symbol. Unfortunately the book was published so hastily that I had no opportunity to see the page proof, and the Peace Pact symbol appeared up-side-down. I have communicated with the publisher both in writing and by word of mouth and am assured that in the next edition this error will be corrected.

I trust that you and George are in the best of health and spirits.

With highest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours

(signed) Henry A. Wallace)

Secretary

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WASHINGTON

October 2, 1934.

Professor Nicholas Roerich  
Tschurin & Company  
Torgovaya, Harbin, Pristan  
Manchuti-Ko.

Dear Professor Roerich:

The President today requested me to ask for a report concerning your observations and explorations on the edge of the Gobi Desert. He also asked me to transmit to you his request that the next time you are in Washington that you arrange your affairs so as to spend an evening with him. He mentioned this to me once before several months ago, but I neglected to transmit the request to you.

I trust that matters are now going more smoothly and that you and George are in the best of health.

Sincerely yours

Henry A. Wallace (signed)

Secretary