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Mr. Nicholas Roerich
310 Riverside Drive
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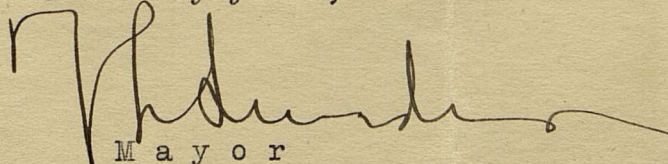
My dear Mr. Roerich:

I would like to enlist your interest as a patron of an exhibition of treasures to be given under the auspices of the Division of Old Age Security of the Department of Public Welfare. It is to be held at the University Settlement, 187 Eldridge Street, Manhattan, from May 21st to June 3, 1936.

The purpose of the Exhibition is to show the extent and the quality of creative ability to be found in people over seventy, regardless of their place in the economic order of the day. We are not limiting the exhibition to clients of the Department. Anyone of seventy or more may send an entry. The entries will be of two kinds: First, old treasures which have an aesthetic value: second, the creative work of the individuals themselves. The one criterion governing the selection of exhibits is to be beauty.

I hope you will be willing to lend your name to this undertaking and that you will be present on the opening day. I am planning to be there myself if it is at all possible.

Sincerely yours,


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